

setting the **STAGE**

Spotlight Editors invited ACS Board Director and founding Artistic Director **Ellie King** of the Royal Canadian Theatre Academy to share her vision about the significance of the new black box theatre and rehearsal space.



It is the answer to the prayers of Surrey performers and performance groups. The flexible black box theatre and rehearsal space, seating up to 100, will nicely fill a gap in small performance spaces.

We have been desperate for this kind of space. It offers a sprung floor for dancers and even a small kitchen - an absolute paradise compared to places many of us rehearse in right now!

The affordable rents will attract emerging artists, experimental and new performance groups, along with existing groups with budgetary restrictions. I feel that once word gets out, we will be hosting visiting artists and cultural groups from outside our area that will bring in even more excitement and diversity of performance.

The teaching philosophy at the Royal Canadian Theatre Academy is that if we teach performance, then the students should perform. The same applies to local dance academies, music schools, and other theatre arts programmes whose students will now have the opportunity to perform at a perfect venue.

At first, the scale and technical requirements must be very basic, but that shouldn't be a barrier for events like musical revues, stand-up comedy, recitals, plays, CD launches, and corporate and private events.

We at the Royal Canadian Theatre Company believe passionately that the one thing that speaks most

eloquently to the liveability of any city is the vibrancy and health of its arts community. The conversion of the fire hall opens the potential for amazing things to occur and encourages the growth and sustainability of art and artists in all disciplines. It belongs to the community.

We invite you to use our fabulous new venue. Make your own art and make the arts your own. Together we'll show Canada just how brilliant we are!



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BOOK NOW!

The Theatre/Rehearsal Hall can accommodate 100 persons and is available to artists, corporations and other groups requiring a place to gather .

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