



The York Shakespeare Festival ♦  
Bringing Culture to the Community ♦  
Educating & Developing the  
Artists of Tomorrow ♦  
Professional Theatre ♦  
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Dear RTC Supporters

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of recent directions from the Resurgence Theatre Board and the programming for the 2011 season. Either as members or supporters of Resurgence Theatre you are aware that our mandate is *to educate, develop and prepare young artists for professional theatre, produce the York Shakespeare Festival, and enliven culture in our community.*

The focus of our 2011 season will be on our young artists as we deliver our Summer Youth Theatre Conservatory programs for Junior students (ages 10-13) and for Seniors students (ages 14-18). In addition, we're introducing a new Shakespeare Intensive program for high school students. We are enthusiastic about our educational programming this summer with enrolments beginning soon.

The Board has decided to not pursue the York Shakespeare Festival for the 2011 Season. This was a very tough decision. In the absence of stable annual funding to support Resurgence's operations in recent years, our relatively small volunteer Board of Directors has assumed a disproportionate share of the year-round administration, fundraising and production planning necessary to sustain the level of professionalism and creativity that audiences have come to expect from Resurgence over the past twelve years. While our 2010 season was one of Resurgence's most successful to date - both critically and financially - this model is not sustainable. The Board feels strongly that the only responsible decision is to stop and evaluate whether there is a strong enough need for a Festival of this magnitude in our community and if the will exists to financially support its operations on an annual basis.

As always we continue to express gratitude to our staff, volunteers, members and supporters of Resurgence Theatre Company. Your efforts are deeply appreciated.

Sponsorships are available for our Summer Youth Theatre Conservatory programs and we hope that you continue to support us in this regard.

Sincerely,

Bob Forhan  
Chair Resurgence Theatre Company Board of Directors