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Come hear their stories, discover their struggles, and witness their tremendous talent - Mixed Company Theatre's Production *Voices of Toronto Seniors!*

On **March 22nd from 7pm - 8:30pm**, **Mixed Company Theatre (MCT) - Ladies Parlor located at 157 Carlton suite 201** presents *Voices of Toronto Seniors*. Through shared stories and the retelling of key memories, MCT has woven together a theatrical production that has truly captured the voices of Toronto Seniors.

With funding received from The Government of Canada New Horizons for Seniors Program, Mixed Company Theatre's goal is to produce an innovative socially relevant drama as a tool for positive change concerning elder abuse and isolation. They wish to raise awareness and educate seniors on the various forms that elder abuse can take and how they can protect themselves against it.

The five non-professional senior performers have volunteered their time, offering their stories and with the guidance of MCT's Artistic team have developed this wonderful production.

Voices of Toronto Seniors follows our characters as they confront legal and financial issues, dementia, intimacy and overbearing nature of technology which are just a few topics seniors face not only in our play, but in their day to day lives.

MCT facilitates an interactive discussion at the end of each performance concerning senior safety and has built a team of over 35 professionals supporting seniors in various sectors to offer concrete resources and information to the Toronto Senior audience members.

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Video Mixed Company Theatre's Teaser
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IEoLLANASMO>

Mixed Company Theatre: <http://mixedcompanytheatre.com/>

Mixed Company Theatre produces innovative, socially relevant drama as a tool for positive change. Founded as an artist-run collective in 1983, this nationally recognized not-for-profit today uses Forum Theatre and interactive arts to educate, engage and empower audiences in schools, communities and workplace

The Ontario Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse: <http://www.onpea.org/>

The Ontario Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (ONPEA) is a non-profit, charitable organization dedicated to raising awareness about the abuse and neglect of older adults. Our mission is to create an Ontario that is free from abuse for all seniors, through education, training, collaboration, service coordination and advocacy. Stop Abuse. Restore Respect

New Horizons for Seniors Program:
http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/community_partnerships/seniors/index.shtml

The Toronto Council for Aging: <http://www.torontocouncilonaging.com/>

Formed in 1999 following the amalgamation of the City of Toronto, the Toronto Council on Aging is a non-profit organization of individual seniors and interested groups working to address the issues and concerns of older adults in Toronto.

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More about Mixed Company Theatre (MCT): MCT produces innovative, socially relevant drama as a tool for positive change. Founded in 1983, MCT uses Forum Theatre and interactive arts to educate, engage and empower audiences in schools, communities and workplace. Forum Theatre is an interactive approach that involves the audience in developing real-time strategies for dealing with social and personal issues. For more information, visit www.mixedcompanytheatre.com.

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