



In Commemoration of
SRI LANKA'S '**BLACK JULY**'

In Association with
CANADIAN TAMIL CONGRESS

ASYLUM THEATRE GROUP
Presents

WHAT IF THE RAIN FAILS
A Play by Cheran

A New Date For Rain Fall

Canadian Tamil Congress and Asylum Theatre Group are excited to announce that the critically acclaimed play ***What If The Rain Fails*** will be remounted on Saturday Oct 11 at the Young Centre for the Performing Arts. It will be accompanied by the exhibit ***Remembering Silenced Voices*** at the same venue. The decision to remount the play and the exhibit was arrived at after numerous requests to this effect were received following the play's and exhibit's successful run as part of the month long Black July commemorations in July of this year to mark the 25th anniversary of Sri Lanka's Black July. Twenty five years ago a state-sponsored pogrom against Tamils in Sri Lanka, widely known as "Black July", resulted in the killings of 3000 Tamils and large scale destruction of their properties. Thousands fled as refugees. A significant number of Tamils sought refuge in Canada. They continue to remember the events of Black July and honour the memory of those who perished in it with annual commemorations.

Written by Toronto Tamil poet Cheran and directed by Dushy Gnanapragasam, the play is set against the backdrop of a refugee hearing in Canada. The play weaves personal testimonies, poetry and dance in narrating a heart-wrenching story of loss and survival. The central character is performed by R. Rasarathnam, an actual survivor of Black July. The exhibit is a must-see and powerful collection incorporating the work of local artists, archival footage from international press, haunting survivor stories and inspirational testimonials on the Canadian immigrant experience, chronicling the turbulent history of the island.

Saturday, October 11
Play Show Times: 1:00pm, 4:00pm, and 6:00pm
Exhibit Open: 12:00pm to 8:00pm
Venue: Young Centre for the Performing Arts
Distillery Historic District
(55 Mill Street – Parliament & Front)

Tickets are \$20.00 (for the play; entrance is free for the exhibit)
available at the Young Centre Box Office
www.youngcentre.ca - 416 866 8666
or Canadian Tamil Congress office - 416 240 0078

Please note there will be no late seating for the play

For More info: www.blackjuly83.com

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