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Summer Workshop Offers Access to Rich Legacy of Michael Chekhov

February 26, 2010, WINDSOR, ON – Joanna Merlin, former student of Michael Chekhov and President of the association that bears his name, will be on hand when The Michael Chekhov Association Summer Workshop and Festival returns to Canada in July, 2010.

The University of Windsor's state-of-the-art <u>Jackman Dramatic Art Centre</u> will play host to a week-long schedule of seminars and classes designed to elevate the skills and the joy of any theatre professional. Workshop participants are experienced actors, teachers, and directors. The Festival provides both fundamental and advanced instruction, making it ideal for any practising artist, regardless of his or her familiarity with the Chekhov Technique.

Confirmed faculty for the 2010 Summer Workshop and Festival include Dawn Arnold, Jessica Cerullo, Ragnar Freidank, Ted Pugh, and Joanna Merlin, with more to come. The faculty of MICHA includes those who studied directly under Chekhov, Beatrice Straight, and Deirdre Hurst du Prey, as well as new teachers who have continued to practice, explore, and develop the Technique. Instructor bios can be found at <u>www.michaelchekhov.org</u>.

Windsor, Ontario—Canada's southernmost (and most temperate) city—warmly welcomes the Summer Workshop and Festival, after having successfully hosted the 2006 version. In addition to the outstanding facilities at the Dramatic Art Centre, participants may arrange access to the Deirdre Hurst du Prey archive at the University's Leddy Library, which contains, among its treasures, Hurst du Prey's transcriptions of Chekhov's Dartington Hall lectures. The University will also offer accommodations during the Summer Workshop, which can be <u>booked online</u>. Alternative arrangements are also available in Windsor; contact Davydd Cook for details.

The Michael Chekhov Association (MICHA) is a non-profit organization, founded in 1999, that is dedicated to furthering the work of Michael Chekhov. The Summer Workshop and Festival is the highlight of MICHA's annual events, and includes classes, lectures, special workshops, festival performances, and much more.

- **2010 Summer Workshop and Festival Dates:** July 24 (arrival) August 1 (departure), 2010 at the University of Windsor in Windsor, Ontario, Canada.
- **Tuition & Fees:** \$1,700.00, inclusive of lunch, dinner, and all workshop materials; \$1675.00 for FRIENDS of MICHA. Day observer registration is available at \$250.00 per day, inclusive of lunch, dinner, and all workshop materials. Tuition fees are in U.S. dollars; accommodation fees at the University of Windsor are in Canadian dollars.
- **Registration:** Online, at <u>www.michaelchekhov.org/summer.htm</u>

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