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## LEADING CANADIAN THEATER ENSEMBLE DA DA KAMERA RETURNS WITH LATEST AWARD-WINNING SHOW

*“Nothing short of brilliant...a true theatrical high.”-Toronto Star*

Marking its fourth trip to the Wexner Center, Canadian theater ensemble **da da kamera** brings its Obie-award winning play *In On It* to the Wexner Center’s Performance Space **November 6–9**. Known for its strong storytelling craft and inventive stagework, da da kamera is an example of the Wexner Center’s commitment to bringing the best in contemporary theater to Columbus. Previous da da kamera shows here have included *Here Lies Henry* and *MONSTER*; tickets are already selling quickly.

### **In On It.**

Written and directed by Daniel MacIvor, who also portrays one of the two deeply intertwined protagonists (alongside Darren O’Donnell), *In On It* explodes the stage cliché of the play-within-a-play with a series of deft pivots. The pair’s portrayal of two actors rehearsing a play about two guys—ex-lovers who tell a story about a pair of broken marriages—is a seamless illustration of the ever-shifting dynamics of power in interpersonal relationships.

With a bending, self-referential narrative structure, *In On It* has been called everything from “a razor-blade sharp production” to “electrifying.” During the course of its run, *In On It* has been the recipient of several awards, including the GLAAD Award for Outstanding New Theater, the Obie Award and the English Theatre Critics Award.

\*Due to an OSU home football game, the start time for Saturday’s show may be delayed. Check with the ticket office to confirm the show time that week.

## **ABOUT DA DA KAMERA**

Founded in 1986 by Daniel MacIvor as a production company for new theater, **da da kamera** (which translates to: “yes, yes to the small room”) is considered to be among the most important innovators from Canada’s theater scene. Since the group’s launch it has created more than a dozen original productions, several of which have been showered with Chalmers nominations (the Chalmers Awards are comparable to the Tony Awards).

For more information: <http://www.dadakamera.com>

## **RESIDENCY ACTIVITIES**

In November, da da kamera will meet with students in Ohio State’s Department of Theatre to discuss the creative process for *In On It*. Focusing on the company’s essentialist approach to identifying core concepts for direction, writing, staging, and design as the guiding principle of their work, students will get a unique opportunity to work with a pioneering theatrical troupe. Students specializing in lighting and sound design will also meet with the company’s designers for an in-depth discussion of their approach. This session will mark the fourth time Ohio State theatre students have had classroom time with da da kamera. Their most recent time with the company included a multi-week residency to begin the creative process for *Beautiful View*, an upcoming production by da da kamera. These repeat visits have afforded the students the opportunity to sustain the impact of da da kamera’s work and contribute to the educational value here at Ohio State.

## **EVENT SUPPORT**

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**CALENDAR INFORMATION: DA DA KAMERA'S IN ON IT**

**Description:** Canadian theatre troupe da da kamera performs its latest award-winning production, *In On It*.

**Dates and times:** Thursday–Sunday, November 6–8 at 8 pm, November 9 at 3 & 7 pm

**Location:** Wexner Center Performance Space, 1871 N. High St.

**Tickets:** \$16 general public, \$13 Wexner Center members, \$10 Ohio State students

**Ticket outlet:** Wexner Center Ticket Office, 614 292-3535.

**Public Information:** 614 292-3535 and [www.wexarts.org](http://www.wexarts.org); [www.dadakamera.com](http://www.dadakamera.com)

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