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## YPT presents World Premiere of Kevin Dyer's magical, musical adventure, *Under the Stairs*

Toronto, ON – Young People's Theatre (YPT) is thrilled to present the World Premiere of [Under the Stairs](#) by acclaimed British playwright Kevin Dyer on the Mainstage, April 1 to 16, 2019.

In this innovative musical play, the cupboard under the stairs is a portal to a magical place that provides young Tim with refuge from Mom and Dad's bickering. One day, Tim escapes into the Narnia-like closet only to find he's not alone – there are other children in this fantastical world. Together, they embark on an adventure to uncover surprising secrets that could repair the turmoil in Tim's house.

*"This wonderful show fully-embodies our season theme of young people taking things into their own hands to fix what's wrong in their world. We're delighted to be working with Kevin Dyer again and to be premiering his new work."*

– Allen MacInnis, YPT Artistic Director

Kevin Dyer is an acclaimed playwright who has written over 50 commissioned plays, many award-winning. *The Monster Under the Bed*, which was produced at YPT in 2010, won The Writers' Guild Best Play for Children and Young Audiences Award, and was selected by [The Kennedy Center](#) in Washington as one of their best 25 plays over the last 25 years. Kevin was also awarded the Most Inspiring International Playwright Award by [ASSITEJ at their World Congress](#) in Cape Town.

Directed by **Micheline Chevrier**, *Under the Stairs* features **Neema Bickersteth, Martin Julien, Richard Lee, Kyle Orzech, Paul Rainville, Fiona Sauder, and Kelsey Verzotti**. Composer/Musical Director: **Reza Jacobs**; Set Designer: **Teresa Przybylski**; Costume Designer: **Anna Treusch**; Lighting Designer: **Michelle Ramsay**; Sound Designer: **Adam Harendorf**; Movement Director **Viv Moore**; Dramaturg: **Stephen Colella**; Assistant Director: **Cristina Cugliandro**; Stage Manager: **Daniel Oulton**; Assistant Stage Manager: **Kate Hennigar**.

### UNDER THE STAIRS

Written by **Kevin Dyer**

Music by **Reza Jacobs**

Directed by **Micheline Chevrier**

**ON THE MAINSTAGE APR. 1-16, 2019**

**WORLD PREMIERE | RECOMMENDED FOR AGES 8 & UP | RUNS APPROXIMATELY 75 MINUTES**

**Media Opening: Thursday, April 4 at 1PM & 7PM**

**Performances:** Apr. 1 & 2 at 10:15AM; Apr. 3 at 1PM & 7PM; Apr. 4 at 1PM & 7PM; Apr. 6 & 7 at 2:30PM; Apr. 9 at 10:15AM & 1PM; Apr. 10 at 10:15AM; Apr. 11 at 10:15AM & 1PM; Apr. 12 at 10:15AM; Apr. 13 & 14 at 2:30PM; Apr. 15 & 16 at 10:15AM & 1PM. **Relaxed Performances:** Apr. 14 at 2:30PM & Apr. 15 at 10:15AM

**Young People's Theatre** | 165 Front Street East, Toronto

**Tickets:** \$10-\$39, HST & service charges extra; prices subject to change without notice | [Online: youngpeoplestheatre.ca](http://Online: youngpeoplestheatre.ca)

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