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### **Michelle Ramsay receives the Pauline McGibbon Award Designer recognized for her collaborative and creative work**

Toronto, June 30, 2008 – Michelle Ramsay is the winner of the 2008 Pauline McGibbon Award. The announcement was at the Dora Mavor Moore Awards in Toronto by Marg Rappolt, Deputy Minister of Culture on Monday June 30, 2008. Michelle is currently on tour with Native Earth Performing Arts.

#### **FACTS**

- \* Michelle Ramsay is a lighting designer based in Toronto.
- \* Credits include work with independent and more established companies, such as: The Turtle Gals, Theatre Rusticle, Theatre Archipelago, Native Earth Performing Arts, nightswimming, The Grand London, Theatre Passe Muraille and Tarragon Theatre.
- \* Michelle has also worked with educational institutions such as George Brown Theatre School and the Royal Conservatory of Music. Her professional development plans include master classes in lighting design and working with a more senior lighting designer on a larger project.
- \* Jury members included: Shawn Kerwin, set and costume designer, professor; Andrea Lundy, lighting designer; and, Allen MacInnis, artistic director.

#### **QUOTES**

"I feel Michelle is a profound theatre artist and one I will work with whenever the opportunity presents itself", said nominator Allyson McMackon, Artistic Director, Theatre Rusticle. "She is artistically playful and technically outstanding."

"I congratulate Ms. Ramsay for being recognized with the Pauline McGibbon Award," said Culture Minister Aileen Carroll. "She has already made significant contributions to theatre in Ontario and will no doubt continue to accomplish great things."