

2009 Pauline McGibbon Award

Director Brendan Healy honoured with the 2009 Pauline McGibbon Award

Brendan Healy is the 2009 recipient of the Pauline McGibbon Award. The announcement was made at the Dora Mavor Moore Awards in Toronto by the Hon. Aileen Carroll, Minister of Culture.

About Brendan Healy

Brendan Healy studied theatre performance at Concordia University. In 2003, he was in the directing program at the National Theatre School where he was mentored by Chris Abraham, Sarah Stanley, Keith Turnbull and Daniel Brooks, among others, and in 2004, Brendan studied under Anne Bogart and the SITI Company during their summer intensive.

While cast in Greg MacArthur's *Girls!Girls!Girls!*, directed by Peter Hinton and presented at the 2001 Festival de théâtre des Amériques, Brendan Healy met Richard Maxwell (Artistic Director of New York City Players, a multiple OBIE Award winning company), with whom he interned.

Recent projects include: *Swipe: an Operetta* (Hysteria 2005); *Down the Main Drag* (SummerWorks 2005 and HATCH/Harbourfront 2006); *Emergency Exits and Garden* (both Summerworks 2006). *I Am My Own Wife* (Saidye Bronfman Centre, Montreal; Theatre Kingston, 2008); *Breakfast* (Theatre Centre/Independent Auntie Theatre, 2008), and *Dying To Be Sick*, a new translation of Moliere's *The Imaginary Invalid* (Pleiades Theatre and the National Arts Centre, 2008-09).

Brendan Healy is the incoming Associate Artist at Crow's Theatre, an Artist-in-Residence at the Theatre Centre, a member of CanStage's BASH: Artist Development Program, and a member of the Soulpepper Academy.

* He received the 2006 Ken McDougall Award for Emerging Director.

* Brendan Healy is originally from Montreal.

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"Healy has demonstrated a dedication to his craft and originality at this stage in his career," concluded the 2009 Pauline McGibbon Award Jurors. They commended Healy for his: "clear and articulate vision" as well as his "understanding of the depth of the collaborative process".

"I congratulate Brendan Healy for being recognized with the Pauline McGibbon Award. He has made remarkable contributions to theatre in Ontario, and will no doubt continue to accomplish great things in the future," said Culture Minister Aileen Carroll.