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Shabana Azmi Stars in Broken Images at the Rose Theatre Brampton This Fall

June 27, 2012, Brampton...The Rose Theatre Brampton will present Girish Karnad's **Broken Images** on Sunday, October 21 at 7pm as part of the 2012-2013 Season. This inspired work, starring Shabana Azmi, is a seductive psychological thriller that has quickly garnered critical acclaim from media and the theatre-going public since its opening in 2010 at the TATA Theatre in Mumbai, India. Following successful touring through the U.S. last year, the performance at The Rose is the Canadian debut.

Based on renowned Indian playwright Girish Karnad's literary work, "A Heap of Broken Images" **Broken Images** is a one-hour drama, performed in English that highlights the various truths of celebrity writer, Manjula. Manjula's life changes overnight from a not a very successful Hindi short story writer to a suddenly wealthy and internationally famous author when she writes a best-selling English novel. The question haunting Manjula is, in opting for the global audience has she betrayed her own language and identity? Now, without warning, it's her own "image" who decides to play confessor, psychologist, and inquisitor.

Shabana Azmi is an international, award-winning cine-actress and human rights activist. Thrilled to be performing in the GTA, Azmi, who essays two pivotal roles in Broken Images, shares her insight on the play:

"Stage is one platform that never ceases to surprise audiences. Broken Images is one of my most challenging performances to date. Like most of Karnad's plays, which are both complex and multi-layered, the play is technically demanding. The stage becomes a conversation between two sisters, one in the real realm and the other in the virtual."

Director Padamsee sums up the show well when he says, "A good play entertains. A great play opens windows in your mind through which you see the past and the future in one continuum."

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Broken Images will play the Rose Theatre Brampton for one night only on **Sunday, October 21, 2012 at 7 pm.** Tickets for Broken Images are \$50, \$75 and limited VIP Tickets are available for \$110 which include a meet & greet event with Shabana Azmi. To order call the Rose Theatre Box Office at 905-874-2800 or visit: www.rosetheatre.ca. For more information on the play visit: www.brokenimagesplay.com.

Broken Images is presented by the Rose Theatre Brampton in cooperation with Firdaus Ali of iDREAM Entertainment and produced by Raell Padamsee of Ace Productions Ltd.

The Rose Theatre Brampton is a public state-of-the-art performing arts complex that is fast becoming an icon in Downtown Brampton. This high-technology facility boasts an 868-seat theatre, a 120-seat secondary hall and a community space for meetings. The Garden Square, in front of the theatre is home to the Lorna Bissell fountain Stage and licensed patio. Free performances of music and theatre take place throughout the summer. The Rose Theatre Brampton is dedicated to presenting quality entertainment to the city's diverse audience, providing the local performing arts community with a venue for excellence in the performing arts, and preserving a Brampton heritage of live performance that dates back to 1922 and includes four active theatres. Parking is always free in the evening on show days.

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