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THE FLOOD IS COMING

An adrenaline-fuelled tale of greed, hope and humanity at the end of the world.

"Anything from Gargantua is a must see" CBC Radio

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ABOUT AVARICIOUS

A society brought to the tipping point by one man's greed faces impending doom and an uncertain future as the flood waters rise. In the midst of chaos a wealthy opportunist turns to an unlikely ally in one final attempt to turn a profit. *Avaricious* combines music, physicality, and innovative designs in this darkly funny fable.

Avaricious is a satirical foray into a world of unbelievable economic disparity. Its setting is inspired by the world's largest and most expensive house – a twenty-six double story home situated in Mumbai, overlooking the slums, on land illegally purchased from a former orphanage. The play is set within such a house, inspired by this incredible, real-life example of gross extravagance in the midst of poverty, and is populated by characters pushed to extremes, and a chorus of devilish tricksters.

THEATRE GARGANTUA

Theatre Gargantua is one of Canada's leading multi-disciplinary theatre companies. For over 20 years, under the direction of Jacquie PA Thomas, the company has produced original, ground-breaking works which have toured nationally and internationally, and garnered dozens of awards and nominations. Highlights include extensive touring to the UK, including residencies at the Royal Exchange, Manchester and Riverside Studios, London and the presentation of the company by Mirvish Productions at Toronto's renowned Royal Alexandra Theatre.

CREATIVE TEAM

Conceived and directed by JACQUIE PA THOMAS

Written by MICHAEL SPENCE with the ENSEMBLE

& contributions from KAT SANDLER

Original Cast:

PATRICK HOWARTH, PAM PATEL, MICHELLE POLAK, MICHAEL SPENCE

Lighting & Projection Design by LAIRD MACDONALD

Set Design by MICHAEL SPENCE

Costume Design by MELANIE MCNEILL

Sound Design by JOHN GZOWSKI

Produced by YOLANDA FERRATO

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Running Time:

60 minutes

Touring Company:

4 performers & 1 SM

plus director & TD for load in

Details:

Limited shipping possible*

Outreach Programming:

workshops for professionals and students available

TOURING INQUIRIES

For more information or to view production footage contact:

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