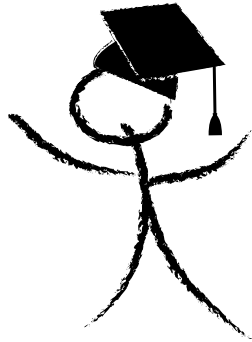


Helping Youth Through Educational Scholarships

# HYTES



## See a Play, Help a Student Swimming with Goldfish September 12, 2006

Jagged North Productions has generously chosen to donate half of every ticket sold for their September 12th performance of *Swimming with Goldfish* to HYTES.

What do you get when you combine an A.D.D. teen with a stream, a kite, a daisy, eight characters, one actor and a fishbowl? You get the new **A. G. Boss** (CBC Arts & Entertainment producer; Alberta Anthology) play *Swimming with Goldfish*.

Boss's funny and touching play tells the story of Cecil and his goldfish Salmon who are spending a day beside a peaceful and serene river. Only problem is there's a storm moving in that might whip up a school, a car ride, a funeral, and a birth. *Swimming with Goldfish* was commissioned by Edmonton's **Walterdale Theatre** and dramaturged by Governor General's Award winning playwright **Vern Thiessen**.

### Performances:

September 11 – 17, 2006  
Mon-Sat 8:00pm • Sunday 3:00 pm

### Charity Night:

Tuesday, September 12, 2006

### Venue:

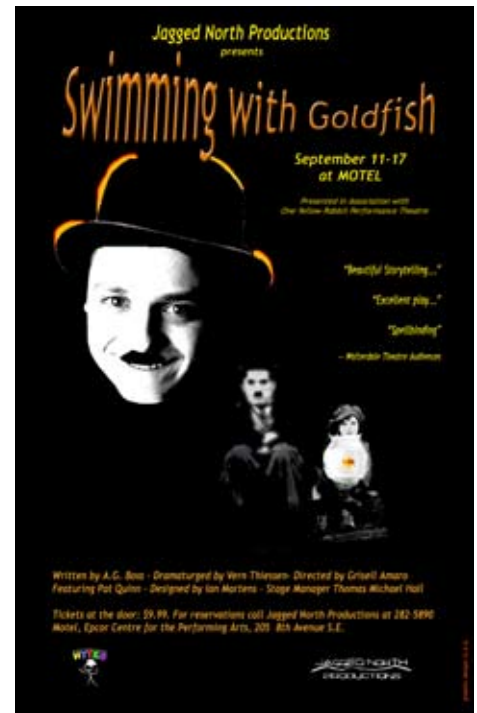
Motel, EPCOR Centre for the Performing Arts

### Tickets:

\$9.99 each

For reservations and information call Jagged North Productions at (403) 282-5890.

Director: Grisell Amaro Galván,  
Featuring: Patt Quinn  
Designer: Ian Martens,  
Stage Manager: Mike Hall.



*Motel is a new venue created by the EPCOR Centre for Performing Arts and One Yellow Rabbit. It is programmed year round by One Yellow Rabbit.*

### Related Links:

- [www.albertaplaywrights.com/catalogue/ag\\_boss.html](http://www.albertaplaywrights.com/catalogue/ag_boss.html)
- [www.oyr.org/motel](http://www.oyr.org/motel)
- [www.epcorcentre.org](http://www.epcorcentre.org)
- [www.hytes.org/fundraisers/events.html](http://www.hytes.org/fundraisers/events.html)

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## Mission Statement

To help youth in developing nations to better themselves, their families and their communities by providing educational scholarships for secondary education.

## Renew Your Membership

If you originally purchased your membership at our inaugural fundraiser in August 2005, your membership has now expired. If you would like to renew your membership, please complete the form found on the last page of this newsletter and mail it with your cheque to: HYTES, 4676 Quentin Street SW, Calgary, Alberta T2T 6E1.

## Garage Sale Trail September 9, 2006

Don't miss the HYTES "Garage Sale Trail" on Saturday, September 9, 2006. A number of families in the Garrison Woods neighbourhood of Calgary will be hosting sales and donating the majority of their profits to HYTES.

### Find more information and map at:

- [www.hytes.org/fundraisers/events.html](http://www.hytes.org/fundraisers/events.html)

## Time to Deliver: Reflections on the 16th International AIDS Conference

by Pam & Eric Amulaku

If asked to play some sort of cognitive word association game for the experience of attending the International AIDS Conference last month in Toronto, the first descriptor to come to mind would be “overwhelming.” The sheer mass of almost 30,000 people from every corner of the world descending upon the city, rushing about the enormous quarters of the metro conference centre for five full days in attempts to glimpse at least a few of the hundreds upon hundreds of abstract presentations, symposia, skills building workshops, poster discussions, exhibition booths, rallies, concerts, films, plays, vigils, dialogues, open houses, press conferences, community tours and other affiliated events necessitating a conference program the size of a telephone book!

Yet, the most overwhelming part was that all of this fuss and commotion was over something that had barely caused a blip on global radar when it first surfaced, and in fact did not even have a name until twenty-five years ago: AIDS.

In just a few short decades, AIDS has exploded onto the world stage as so much more than a mere health concern. It is a development issue, a gender issue, a human rights issue, a human security issue, a social issue, an economic issue and (to the apparent surprise of Stephen Harper!) an impassioned political issue as well.

Recent successes on several fronts in the battle against AIDS were credited by various speakers, and in fact many experts at the conference pronounced that more advances have been made in the past five years of fighting the epidemic than in the previous twenty years com-

bined! New and exciting research on female-controlled prevention methods (ie. microbicides) was a hot topic, as was the unanimous scientific approval of harm reduction methods (embodied in programs such as needle exchange and substitution therapy for injection drugusers).

What's more, every day scientists come closer to developing a vaccine for HIV. Dr. Peter Piot, Director of UNAIDS, spoke of how people used to gasp when he remarked years ago that it would take an injection of billions of dollars, not the millions being spent at that time, to wage even a semi-effective response to HIV/AIDS. Now the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Malaria and TB operates on an annual budget of \$6 billion US.

However, delegates at the conference did not allow themselves to revel about such triumphs for long. It seems that given the current and anticipated prevalence of HIV infection around the world, \$6 billion dollars per year, impressive as it might sound, still falls about \$20-25 billion dollars short of a response that would actually provide adequate prevention, treatment and sup-

port resources to “halt and reverse the spread of HIV” (one of the many ambitious UN Millennium Development Goals targeted for the year 2015). By far Canada's most popular official in attendance at the event, Stephen Lewis, called the Global Fund shortfall

a “Pavlovian betrayal of the South” and referred to the neglect of G8 countries to keep their promises of support to the Fund as nothing less than ‘genocide.’



**Pam and Eric Amulaku at the 2006 International AIDS Conference in Toronto.**

Of course, AIDS is intimately connected to the issue of young people and education in developing countries. As a vulnerable population, evidence shows that children and youth are more at risk of HIV infection, and yet more neglected than any other “targeted” group. Many of these same young people are cheated out of their childhoods, burdened instead with caring for their ailing elders. Inevitably, those kids are also orphaned by AIDS as the disease robs them of one or both parents, and too often child-headed households are the result. If young people can overcome such circumstances to attend school, they may be faced there with a shortage of teaching staff, as AIDS continues to decimate the labour force



**Ruth Nduati (Kenya) discusses the range of issues facing women and children living with HIV/AIDS (AIDS 2006)**

in most all of the countries where it is endemic. Furthermore, it is important to recall that education levels (and consequent income levels) are very significant determinants of an individual's future health status. It follows, cruelly, that a child who is unable to attend school (or who is marginalized in any other way) will be far more likely to be exposed to and contract HIV themselves. Devastatingly, to quote Stephen Lewis once again, "children are relegated to the scrapheap of the world's priorities."

But there is hope, and according to one of the slogans broadcast widely at the Toronto event, "hope spreads faster than AIDS." The effort must be stepped up considerably, both at global and local levels. Everybody, of every background, in every community of the world, can contribute to the fight against AIDS. African grandmothers are doing it, the richest man in the world is doing it, anyone who empowers women is doing it, \*some\* (although not nearly enough) politicians are doing it, supporters of HYTES and countless other organizations working in the developing world are doing it. You can contribute too!

This conference marked the 25th anniversary of the AIDS epidemic and the message was clear: "don't let there be a 50th anniversary... it's time to deliver!"

**Related Links:**

- [www.aids2006.org](http://www.aids2006.org)
- [www.iasociety.org](http://www.iasociety.org)
- [www.unaids.org](http://www.unaids.org)
- [www.stephenlewisfoundation.org](http://www.stephenlewisfoundation.org)

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**Students Writing Students**

by Janet Pliszka

HYTES is starting a pen pal exchange between schools in Canada and schools in Tanzania, Zambia and Kenya. Paula

Leeds, a school teacher in High River, Alberta approached HYTES with the idea after she spent a year travelling to various countries in Southeast Asia. Seeing the disparity between resources and available education in schools in other countries compared to what she is used to in her own classroom sparked Paula to want to make a difference.

The purpose of the pen pal program is to facilitate an international exchange of knowledge and understanding between the students in different countries and also to raise money in Canadian schools for HYTES scholarships.

Paula has a range of ideas to implement and would love to involve your children's class! If you know of a class who would like to be involved in such a program, please contact Paula Leeds at [paulal@hytes.org](mailto:paulal@hytes.org). Feel free to contact Paula if you have any ideas of your own as well!

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**Photo Sale Fundraiser**

by Amy Brathwaite

The idea was sparked many months ago, after I'd sent another email about my tales in Bangladesh. My friend Matthew Golem, an extraordinary musician and photographer, contacted me and said, "what about a photography show this summer?" He admired some of the photos I'd been sending from Bangladesh and India and he thought why not actually pursue it – what have we got to lose? We put the plan in motion and similar to other things in my life, it's incredible what can happen when you put things into being – saying them out loud in order to make them a reality. We spent the next few months tossing around

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ideas and sharing our perspectives from opposite ends of the earth ... between Montreal and Dhaka. As Matthew continues to establish himself as a talented violist, his tour schedule was compelling quickly throughout the summer, and with me not yet knowing where life would next take me, the time was precious to pick a date that would suit us both. The planning began and the date was chosen. I received support from my former employer, the York Region District School Board, who generously donated the space for the show as well



**Dhaka in Motion (2006) by Amy Brathwaite**

as the frames to hold the photographs. We tapped into our local media scene and advertised in the Era Banner, as well as Snap Newmarket.

## Spanish Conversation Workshops

As the days approached, we scrubbed the frames, cut the vegetables and prepared the Rice Krispie squares, not really sure what to expect. The day of the show arrived, and so did a phone call from Rogers Cable Television who'd seen the article in the paper (a front-page feature aptly timed the day before) and wanted to interview us for television. It was a great opportunity not only to showcase our artwork, but also a huge plug for HYTES. The reporter admitted to us that she came of her own volition, "so many art shows take place in York Region, but this is one that will help people!" And help it did. With the generous support of friends, family, old teachers, art teachers and strangers, we managed to raise just over \$100 for HYTES. When one of the customers came to my house to pick up her print, a roadside shot of rural Kenya, she asked about how much we raised for the event. I was happy to tell her that the money raised would go towards sending a child to school for the year. It was a small start, an idea sparked, that lead to excellent publicity for HYTES, a few of our photos sold, a commitment from strangers who want to do something, and at the end of the day one more young person can continue to shine in secondary school. Not too shabby.

**G**race Boido, HYTES member and Spanish language teacher, will be conducting Spanish conversation courses this fall. The course fees will be donated to HYTES to help support scholarship programs in Guatemala. Please contact Grace at [graceb@hytes.org](mailto:graceb@hytes.org) for more information.



photo by M. Olimpia Boido

### Students at The Instituto Mixto Técnico Bilingüe in Guatemala

### Donate Online using CanadaHelps.org

**C**anadaHelps, a public charitable foundation, is Canada's only donation portal that provides access to all of Canada's 80,000 charities, from national organizations like national cancer charities to smaller groups like local animal shelters and soup kitchens. - [CanadaHelps.org](http://CanadaHelps.org)

[www.hytes.org/ch/](http://www.hytes.org/ch/)

### How Much Does Secondary School Cost?

by Harold Pliszka

**T**he African countries of Kenya, Tanzania and Zambia removed tuition fees for primary students in 2003. Secondary students, however, still have to pay to attend public school and this is true for most African countries.

From our limited figures, we found secondary school fees in Canadian dollars to be approximately \$660, \$300 and \$269 in Kenya, Zambia and Tanzania respectively. These fees are much higher than the gross domestic product per capita in each of the three countries and as a result only 25%, 23% and 5% of youth attended secondary school in 2003.

#### Related Links:

- [www.hytes.org/resources/educationcosts.html](http://www.hytes.org/resources/educationcosts.html)
- [www.hytes.org/resources/statistics.html](http://www.hytes.org/resources/statistics.html)
- [www.unesco.org/education/](http://www.unesco.org/education/)



### Buy a T-Shirt, Help a Student

**HYTES T-Shirts are now available for purchase while supplies last. Please see the last page of this newsletter for the order form.**

Adult Sizes: S, M, L, XL

Youth Sizes: M, L, XL

Member Price: \$15.00

Non-Member Price: \$20.00

## Second Annual Summer Fun Fundraiser: Update

**O**ur Second Annual Summer Fun Fundraiser held on July 23 was a huge success! We raised \$3,659 from the silent auction, donations and memberships, more than double the first year. Many thanks to all who helped.

Thank you to the following companies and individuals who donated items to the silent auction:

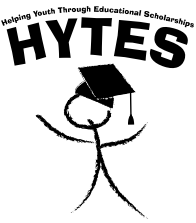
- African Festival & Presentation Society
- Baker Hughes
- BlindCaveFish
- Calgary Arts Hotel
- Calgary Fringe Festival
- Calgary Reggae Festival
- Ceili's Irish Pub & Restaurant
- Dry Inc. (Will Ferguson)
- Fairly Vanilla Salon
- 5 Calgary Downtown Suites
- The Loyalty Group
- Perfect Posies
- RedPearl Jewellery
- Springbank Cheese Co.
- Visual Hues Photography
- Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies
- Amy Brathwaite
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- Lisa Stewart
- Carie Lee Watters

**Our Charitable Registration Number is 828039545RR0001.**

*All articles written by Harold Pliszka unless otherwise stated. Many thanks to all who helped with this issue.*



Elephant mother and child in Tarangire National Park. Photo by Janet Pliszka.



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### Memberships, Donations & T-Shirts

Please use ONE "Membership Form" per person.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Province:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Postal Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Country:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership:** \$25.00     Yes     No

**Donation Amount:**

<input type="checkbox"/> \$20.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> \$100.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$150.00
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**Other Amount:** \_\_\_\_\_

**HYTES T-Shirt:**    **Adult: S, M, L, XL**    **Youth: M, L, XL**

\$15.00 member price     \$20.00 non-member price

**Total Payment Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Where would you like the bulk of your donation directed?**

Guatemala     Tanzania     Kenya     Zambia

Any or all of the above

You will be provided a tax receipt via email (or regular mail) if your donation is \$20.00 or more. Please note tax receipts are not provided for membership fees.

Please contact me with any opportunities to volunteer with HYTES' initiatives.

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