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The Washing Machine

Jan 5-15, 2012 at the Next Stage Theatre Festival

Ghostly spirits, modern machines, and untouchables collide in this new play about an Anglo-Indian woman's attempt to wash away the stains of her past.



After a successful showing at Nightwood Theatre's Groundswell Festival of New Work, director **Sasha Kovacs** joins playwright **Radha Menon** (writer of award-winning screenplay *Max Neo*) to assemble a team as multi-cultural as it is multi-generational, with performers including Dora-award winner **Steve Cumyn**, **Ronica Sajjani** (of Deepa Mehta's *Water*), **Cydney Penner** (of *BLOOM*, Toronto Fringe 2011), and **Aparajit Bhattacharjee** (of *The Sheep & the Whale*, Modern Times/Cahoots).

In *The Washing Machine*, Isabelle returns from England to her childhood home in India after the death of her husband and child. She has big plans for this banana plantation: out with the sacred grounds, in with tennis courts and a fancy new washing machine! Isabelle and her lustful brother James clash with their superstitious servants, a neighbouring convent, and the wrath of an Aghori guru as her family's **dark secret** is finally exposed.

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Presented by Red Betty Theatre and the Next Stage Theatre Festival

Written by Radha S. Menon / Directed by Sasha Kovacs

Cast: Aparajit Bhattacharjee, Steve Cumyn, Mina James, Jivesh Parasram, Dipal Patel, Cydney Penner, Ronica Sajjani, and Asha Vijayasigham

Set and Costume Design: Jung Hye Kim

Lighting Design: Dave Degrow / Sound Design: Steph Berntson

Stage Management: Kate Sandeson

Associate Director: Jonathan Heppner / Production Manager: Ashley Westlake

Factory Studio Theatre, 125 Bathurst Street (at Adelaide)

SHOW TIMES:

Jan 5th 9pm / Jan 6th 6:45pm / Jan 7th 9pm

Jan 8th 3pm / Jan 10th 8:30pm / Jan 11th 6:15pm

Jan 12th 9:15pm / Jan 14th 5:00pm / Jan 15th 9:15pm

For Tickets and other info call the Fringe Hotline: 416-966-1063

Tickets are \$12-\$15

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