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### Harbourfront Centre's World Stage 2009-10 is Thrilled to Host the Return of Rebecca Northan in *Blind Date*

**TORONTO, ON (Feb. 3, 2010) –Harbourfront Centre's World Stage 2009-10** refocuses its gaze on what can be considered one of the most beautiful, awkward and emotional human experiences: falling in love. In **Rebecca Northan's** witty, saucy and breathtaking show ***Blind Date***, she plays Mimi, a young Parisian woman waiting for a blind date in a café somewhere along the banks of the Seine. When she is stood up, Mimi turns to the audience to find someone brave enough to answer love's call. *Blind Date* runs **Feb. 23 through Mar. 6, 2010** at Harbourfront Centre's **York Quay Centre, 235 Queens Quay West**.

Back by popular demand, *Blind Date* is a fusion of clown, improvisation, theatre, and social experiment. Anyone lucky enough to catch *Blind Date's* sold-out run last season knows this is one of the most daring and exhilarating undertakings in the scope of contemporary theatre.

"...a flight of theatrical fancy that is absolutely magical. Four stars out of four." – *Toronto Star*

Originally performed as a 10-minute burlesque-clown piece at The Spiegel Show in the Spiegeltent'ntavern at Harbourfront Centre in the summer of 2007, *Blind Date* quickly became a crowd favourite. Northan developed the piece into a 90-minute performance with the audience in a unique cabaret-style setting complete with wine bar. Rebecca Northan's *Blind Date* is fresh off a run at Calgary's High Performance Rodeo Festival.

Prior to each performance, Northan (as Mimi) mingles with the audience in order to select the "date", and then explores with them the ups and downs of love, heart break and everything in between. The result is nail-biting hilarity where nothing is off limits.

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#### **Rebecca Northan in *Blind Date***

**Feb. 23 – 27, Mar. 2 – 6, All Shows 8 p.m. (Doors at 7 p.m.)**

**Harbourfront Centre's York Quay Centre, 235 Queens Quay West**

**Tickets: \$30**

Complete information about performance times, single tickets, packages and the Performance Card (\$15 tickets for arts workers and students, Tues. – Thurs. performances only) is available through the Harbourfront Centre box office by phone at **416-973-4000**, or **[harbourfrontcentre.com/worldstage](http://harbourfrontcentre.com/worldstage)**.

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