



Bashir Lazhar



Pi Theatre kicked off its 2008-2009 season with the Western Canadian premiere of the English translation of Evelyne de la Chenelière's *Bashir Lazhar*.

Directed by Richard Wolfe

Featuring David Marr

Awards

Jessie Richardson Nomination: Outstanding Set Design: Jergus Oprsal

Jessie Richardson Nomination: Outstanding Performance by an Actor in a Lead Role: David Marr

Bashir Lazhar is a substitute teacher from Algeria who must bring his grade six class through a trauma that mirrors his own. This celebration of courage is told with humour and conviction in a new translation by Morwyn Brebner, who brought us *The Optimists* and *Little Mercy's First Murder*.

This one-man show is written with great sensitivity by Evelyne de la Chenelière, considered one of Québec's pre-eminent playwrights. Bashir has left behind his wife and three children and has come to Montréal to prepare for their new life in Canada. His story explores the practical and emotional nuances of living in a multi-cultural society, and raises questions about the relationship between teacher and student.

Bashir Lazhar is a human portrait that touches on the challenges that many new Canadians experience while trying to find their way in a new country, and those we all face as we make our way in a sometimes-difficult world. It is a celebration of survival through love.

8PM Tuesday-Saturday, 2pm matinees March 8, 14,15 & 21

World Theatre Day discount performance Sunday Mar 8, Two-for-one preview Mar 5

Tickets: available through [Tickets Tonight](#), 604.684.2787

Tickets are FREE to the first 20 Pi members at the door for the first week of each of our shows this season! [Become a Member.](#)

Director: Richard Wolfe

Featuring: David Marr

Set and Lighting Designer: Jergus Oprsal

Original Music and Sound Designer: Joelysa Pankanea

Projection Designer: Jamie Nesbitt

Costume Designer: Barbara Clayden

Stage Manager: David Kerr

Production Manager: Jayson McLean

Technical Director: Elisha Burrows

Photographer: Tim Matheson

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