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University of Ottawa Department of Theatre
Drama Guild Presents

BRECHT ON BRECHT
Arranged and Translated by George Tabori
Directed by John Koensgen

The University of Ottawa Department of Theatre proudly announces the Drama Guild production of *Brecht on Brecht* arranged and translated by George Tabori, directed by John Koensgen.

Over fifty years after his death Bertold Brecht's genius still resonates in the minds of audiences everywhere and constantly inspires social responsibility and theatrical creativity. *Brecht on Brecht* is an arrangement of scenes, poems, songs and other selections taken from Brecht's work, originally arranged by Hungarian playwright and director George Tabori.

Guest Director John Koensgen is an Ottawa-based director, actor and fight director. His directorial credits include New Theatre of Ottawa which recently won two Golden Cherry Awards for the Arts, the hit *Blood on the Moon* for Sleeping Dog Productions, *The Golden Age* for the University of Ottawa, *As You Like It* for A Company of Fools, *American Buffalo* for the Actors' Co-op Theatre and *Miss Witherspoon* for Vision Theatre. At GCTC he has directed George Walker's *Criminal Genius* and *The Girl in the Goldfish Bowl*. Currently, he is the Artistic Director of New Theatre of Ottawa. In the summer of 2007 he was a member of The Stratford Festival's acting company, where he performed in *Othello*, *Of Mice and Men* and had a starring role in *Pentecost*. In the early 1970s, he was a member of the National Arts Centre's resident acting company. John has performed in more than 40 plays at the Great Canadian Theatre Company, including most recently, *Plan B*, *Life x 3*, *No Great Mischief*, and *A Doll House*. Selected productions for New Theatre of Ottawa are *St Nicholas*, *Brothers of the Brush*, *7 Stories*, and *Judgement*.

The Drama Guild Production of *Brecht on Brecht* also features costumes designed by Geneviève Couture, set design by Margaret Coderre-Williams and lighting design by Robert de Mestral.

The University of Ottawa Department of Theatre invites you to experience the genius Bertold Brecht in George Tabori's *Brecht on Brecht* which opens **Tuesday, October 28 and runs through to Saturday, November 1, 2008. Showtime is 8:00 p.m.** Performances take place in the theatre of Academic Hall, 133 Séraphin Marion, University of Ottawa.

Reservations: Secretariat, Department of Theatre,
theatre@uottawa.ca or 613-562-5761
Tickets: General Public, \$12; Students/Seniors, \$8
From: Tuesday, October 28 to Saturday, November 1
Venue: Academic Hall, 133 Séraphin Marion