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Universal Child Care

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The creators of Mouthpiece share a virtuosic new work

Witness the sheer power and force of the unaccompanied human voice in the newest work from Quote Unquote Collective. Part concert, part theatre play (and self-consciously neither of those things), the ensemble screams about the lack of affordable child care and growing inequalities while comparing different approaches to child care around the globe.

Three onsite child care options available for February 25th matinee of *Universal Child Care*!

We understand that enjoying the theatre with your little ones can be a juggling act. That's why Canadian Stage has partnered with Balancing Act Canada and

our neighbours at The Jamii Hub to offer parents three FREE onsite child care options during the Sunday, February 25th matinee of *Universal Child Care*.

BABES IN ARMS - newborn to age 3:

For the February 25th matinee, parents are welcome to watch the performance with their baby/toddler in their arms/laps. Please note that the performance is approximately 80 minutes long.

TODDLER FUN - For ages 2 – 4:

Theatre-goers can register their toddler(s) for free child care and activities provided by experienced ECE caregivers from the Summerhill Club. The toddlers will explore their creativity with toys, activities, and crafts.

CREATIVE KIDS - For ages 5 – 12:

While you're at the theatre, the kids will enjoy a craft session guided by professional artist Janice Garel at the Jamii Hub. Janice studied at the Edna Manley College of the Visual and Performing Arts in Jamaica and at the Ontario College of Art and Design in Toronto. Her work has been exhibited both in Toronto and abroad. She has been working with Jamii to facilitate youth arts workshops of all kinds. During the craft session, children will have the opportunity to try painting, mask-making, and crafting.

Drop-off and Pick-up Details:

Location: 264 The Esplanade

Drop-off: Anytime between 12:30 pm and 1:45 pm

Pick-up: Anytime between 3:00 pm and 4:30 pm

Registration Requirement: Parents must book or confirm their tickets to the performance at the time of registration for the child care options.

To reserve a spot or for more information, **click here [LINK].**