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## Touchstone Launches goPlay Youth Theatre Club

*Do you know a young person in high school who LOVES theatre?  
Want to help them see a bunch of plays for FREE, and meet some of Vancouver's  
most happening theatre artists?*

Touchstone theatre is pleased to announce the launch of their goPlay program with the generous support of the **Telus Vancouver Community Board**. Beginning in October 2011 goPlay will offer 20 high school students, grades 10 - 12, the opportunity to sample the broad spectrum of what Vancouver has to offer the theatre goer. They will see all styles of work - from classic texts to cutting edge modern plays to devised and site-specific pieces. Immediately preceding each performance Touchstone's Artistic staff will give a short introductory lecture on the show, its themes, history and theatrical practices. After the show, the club will meet up with one of the artists involved in the production for an intimate insider's view of the play and its process.

The goPlay program arose from Touchstone's desire to give young people exposure to the amazing variety and excellence of local theatre, along with a deeper understanding and appreciation of the art form. It will run annually through the course of the school year. From this program will come the theatre creators and the engaged patrons and supporters of the future. For more information about the program, or to secure a spot in the program for a young person, please contact Joel Grinke at [joel@touchstonetheatre.com](mailto:joel@touchstonetheatre.com). Teachers are also encouraged to contact us. The web page for the program is [touchstonetheatre.com/goplay](http://touchstonetheatre.com/goplay)

For over 35 years Touchstone Theatre has been a mainstay of theatrical innovation and excellence on the West Coast. The company's all-Canadian mandate has helped launch and develop some of the country's most important playwrights and actors, and its substantial body of work has garnered over 60 local and national awards. **MANDATE:** Touchstone Theatre develops and presents professional theatrical productions. We explore the contemporary Canadian play through content and form. We stimulate public interest in Canadian cultural perspectives.



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