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Publication Announcement for **BROKEN** by C.E. Gatchalian

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META.for Theatre and Broken Whisper are pleased to announce the forthcoming publication of **BROKEN** by C.E. Gatchalian. New Bard Press of Edmonton has set Fall 2006 as the publication season of this suite of one act plays by the Vancouver playwright. Along with the script, the book will contain production photos from the Vancouver production at the Firehall Arts Centre (March 2006).

Lambda Literary Award finalist **C.E. Gatchalian** is one of the most provocative new voices to emerge out of the Vancouver theatre scene in over a decade and his bold and challenging works are quickly gaining a rabid following.

The publisher describes the book:

"is a painstaking masterpiece seemingly fashioned from dominoes and trembling on the brink. Relationships cascade into one another, drawing the audience into the playwright's web as friend becomes lover becomes son become brother. Dysfunction spreads like an insidious disease while the one who set it all in motion converses with the audience, eerily admiring his handiwork.

The surreal result of Gatchalian's craft is one of the most riveting and discomfiting pieces of theatre we've encountered in quite some time and New Bard Press is thrilled to be able to share it with the world."

- The Vancouver production further cemented Gatchalian as one of Canada's most promising playwrights:

"To witness a Gatchalian play, is to be moved by the lyricism and the poetics of the language."

- Todd Wong of Gung Haggis Fat Choy

"Rather than presenting a realistic scene from which the spectator must infer emotion, Broken breaks with realistic language in a way that allows the spectator to actually feel the scene."

- Sean Cook, immediatetheatre.com

"..there is as much said in the silences between the lines as in the words themselves. It's gripping, almost hypnotic."

- Kathleen Oliver, The Georgia Straight

- The March 2006 production of Broken at the Firehall Arts Centre featured Vancouver actors **Tanja Dixon-Warren, Michael Fera, Ntsikie Kheswa, Thrasso Petras** and **Nelson Wong**.

"Strong work from the entire cast"

- Kathleen Oliver, The Georgia Straight

"The evening is punctuated with standout performances...most notably from the heartbreaking Tanja Dixon-Warren."

- Michael Harris, The Globe and Mail

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"Ntsikie Kheswa, Thrasso Petras and Nelson Wong, do a splendid job..."
- Todd Wong, Gun Haggis Fat Choy

- Meta's co-Artistic Director **Sean Cummings** directed the ensemble:

"Director Sean Cummings skillfully weaves together these five short pieces"
- Kathleen Oliver, The Georgia Straight

" His choice of colour, lighting, and movement conveys a mysterious, simmering sense of restraint, focussing attention squarely on the emotional content of the words themselves."
- Sean Cook, immediatetheatre.com

"Director Sean Cummings does an admirable job."
- Jo Ledingham, Vancouver Courier

Book launch event information to follow.

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