



MEDIA ADVISORY
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Ghost River Theatre's aerial spectacle
The Highest Step in the World
By David van Belle and Eric Rose

Friday, January 27th at 7:30 pm
Saturday, January 28th at 7:30 pm

St. Albert, AB – Calgary's **Ghost River Theatre** brings its innovative, award-winning production ***The Highest Step in the World*** to the **Arden Theatre** on **January 27 & 28**. A true theatrical spectacle that will captivate, entertain, and enthrall, *The Highest Step in the World* delivers a multi-media experience that examines meditation on the necessity of risk.

The Highest Step in the World – Betty Mitchell Award Winner for Outstanding Production of a Play and Outstanding Choreography – is based on the true story of Joseph Kittinger. In 1960, Kittinger jumped from a high-altitude weather balloon as part of Project Excelsior, a scientific program designed to test a new parachute system at the edge of space. To this day, he holds the world record for the longest free-fall ever, and is the only person ever to have broken the sound barrier without a vehicle.

This exhilarating 75-minute solo performance by **David van Belle** integrates dazzling video projection, clever flying technology, and a mesmerizing stage design. How do we deal with times of great change? And what do we need to find in ourselves to take a chance and step off into the unknown? Ghost River Theatre's bold and unique production explores the answers through imaginative storytelling and an emphasis on personal, human experience.

Directed by **Eric Rose**; Performed by **David van Belle**; Produced by **Lee Cookson**; Projection and Sound Design by **Ben Chaisson**; Motion Graphics Design by **Court Brinsmead**; Flying Direction by **Adrian Young**; and Production Design by **Ami Farrow**.

Presented as part of the 2012 REALTOR® Canoe Theatre Festival. For more information, visit workshopwest.org.

Tickets for *The Highest Step in the World* are **\$25** (plus facility fee). Visit the **Arden Theatre Box Office** in person (5 St. Anne Street), purchase by phone at 780-459-1542, or through Ticketmaster* at 1-855-985-5000 or ticketmaster.ca.

**Agency fee in effect.*

Warning: Mature Language.

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