



CZECH THEATRE TRAINING AND PERFORMANCE COMES TO BOULDER

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BOULDER, COLORADO – The University of Colorado, Department of Theatre and Dance is proud to present *Change/Exchange 2011: Czech Contemporary Theatre Practice Comes to Boulder*, from March 8 through 18. All three workshops and performance events in this series are free and open to the public.

1. March 8, 5:00-6:00 pm – University Theatre Building, Acting Studio.
Presentation by Theatre Faculty from the Academy of the Performing Arts in Prague (DAMU)

Theatre faculty from the Academy of Performing Arts in Prague (DAMU) will introduce Coloradans to international education opportunities at DAMU in the Czech Republic. The presenters will be Alexander Komlosi, Director of the Prague Summer Theatre School and Adjunct Professor at DAMU, and Howard Lotker, Adjunct Professor at DAMU and Artistic Director of HoME Theatre Company.

DAMU offers talented and qualified students a range of fully accredited master's degrees in English. Students can choose from a variety of programs such as Directing for Dramatic Theatre, Directing for Alternative Theatre, Authorial Acting, Stage Design, Stage Design for Alternative and Puppet Theatre, and Arts Management.

DAMU also offers summer school courses in English for a range of experience levels. Students who partake in these classes gain international experience and leave the school with a broader knowledge of diverse theatre styles. Students can take several classes not regularly offered in an academic setting such as Puppet and Object Theatre, Non-verbal Performance, and *(Inter)acting With the Inner Partner*. The Prague Summer Theatre School is an excellent way for non-Czech speaking students to acquaint themselves with the Academy, especially for those interested in entering the specialized master's programs.

This presentation will also introduce the two other events that are part of *Change/Exchange 2011* (please see below).

For information about DAMU, email alexander.komlosi@damu.cz or visit www.damu.cz or <https://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=200716776621931>.

2. March 9-12 – University Theatre Building, Movement Studio.
(Inter)Acting With the Inner Partner
For reservations and information, e-mail Howard Lotker at innerpartner@gmail.com.

You are invited to participate or simply to watch any of the workshops:

- Wednesday, March 9, 6:00-8:00 pm
- Thursday, March 10, 6:00-8:00 pm
- Friday, March 11, 6:00-8:00 pm
- Saturday, March 12, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Workshops will continue until March 18, based on student interest.

These workshops will introduce *(Inter)acting With the Inner Partner*, a unique Czech acting technique. Alexander Komlosi, Director of the Prague Summer Theatre School and Adjunct Professor at DAMU, and Howard Lotker, Adjunct Professor at DAMU and Artistic Director of HoME Theatre Company, will present *(Inter)acting With the Inner Partner* to Colorado students and audiences for the first time.

(Inter)acting With the Inner Partner is a holistic training method for both the mind and the body using solo improvisation for studying and practicing the principles of acting and dramatic play. The discipline has been in development for over thirty years under the guidance of its creator, Professor Ivan Vyskočil. Professor Vyskočil was one of the most important protagonists of Czech absurdist theatre in the 1960s, and a collaborator of many leading Czech contemporaries including Václav Havel. He is a pivotal figure in the growth and development of theatre in the Czech Republic with his founding of an institute specializing in study and research at the Academy of Performing Arts in Prague (DAMU).

This event is presented in association with Boulder Ensemble Theatre Company. For information, visit www.boulderensembletheatre.org/content/special-presentation or <https://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=182663805109187>.

- 3. March 17-18 at 7:30 pm – ATLAS Black Box Studio, Lowest basement level B2.**
American premiere of *Oedipus (complexly)*
(Open dress rehearsal March 16 at 7:30pm; e-mail Chip.Persons@Colorado.edu for information.)

Admission is free, but seating is limited. For reservations and location information, visit <http://oedipuscomplexly.eventbrite.com>.

The award winning HoME Theatre Company from Prague will collaborate with University of Colorado at Boulder Assistant Professor Chip Persons to present the American premiere of their production, *Oedipus (complexly)*.

This interactive classical theatre piece tells the ancient Greek, patricidal, incestuous story of Thebe's infamous King Oedipus. It includes the opinions, personal histories and current mood of its spectators through constant dialogue with the audience. In this interactive, audience-participation piece, each spectator has the opportunity to influence the course of the performance and become a member of the ancient city-state. The mythic story from 400 B.C. merges with contemporary audience members' personal histories and reactions. The well-known story is spontaneously recreated in collaboration between performer and audience. Each night, depending on the audience, the performance may have a completely different ending.

This production was part of *Nová Síť* (New Web) 2008.

To learn more about HoME Theatre Company and this production from Prague, email howardlotker@gmail.com or visit www.divadlohome.net/shows/oedipus.html or <https://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=199990040026470>.

Parking:

For the DAMU presentation on March 8 and the workshops March 9 through 12, the nearest public parking lots are located on “The Hill” at the intersection of Pennsylvania Avenue & 13th Street, and on 14th Street south of College Avenue.

This historic exchange and all of its programs are generously sponsored by the Roser Visiting Artist Program (www.rosergrant.org), the Ministry of Culture of the Czech Republic (www.mkcr.cz/en), and Motus, o.s. – the producing wing of the Alfred ve Dvoře Theatre in Prague (www.alfredvedvore.cz/en/motus).

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Attached Photos:

- *(Inter)acting With the Inner Partner*. Professor Ivan Vyskočil and students at DAMU
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- Advertisement photo for *Oedipus (complexly)*
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