

## **RECAA's First Newsletter 2013**

### ***RECAA's Turning 10 years old***

RECAA has a dynamic and exciting year, and is getting geared up to celebrate our 10th anniversary!

### ***The Board of Directors***

We have welcomed six new members onto our board of directors. Eric Craven has been working with RECAA as a partner from the Atwater Library and Computer Centre. Saddeqa Siddiqui has been a long-time member and supporter of RECAA. Kim Sawchuk is a professor of Communications at Concordia University, and has been working in close partnership with RECAA this year in expanding our use of digital media, and inter-generational programs. Trisha Islam is a student in International Development at McGill University and principal administrator for our Facebook page; Sophie Guérin, who is completing her master's degree in documentary film making this year at Concordia University, has been our invaluable instructor on digital technologies; and Emily Drysdale is a retired professional social and community worker. All have taken on key leadership roles with RECAA this year.

### ***Programs at RECAA this year***

In addition to our regular work doing small forum theatre workshops to raise awareness of elder abuse, RECAA has been exploring the use of video and internet as means of reaching out to a wider audience. We have been working on inter-generational programs at James Lyng High School with a grant project called the *Golden Feedback Loop*, funded by New Horizons for Seniors.

We are launching our brand new website, [recaa.ca](http://recaa.ca). Come visit us as well on Facebook!

### ***Theatre News (update)***

Lib Spry has been our artist in residence this year, funded by the Canada Arts Council, and has been working with us on techniques and developing new scenes. Her creation, *We are old! We are wonderful!* will be performed by members of RECAA in the debut on June 13 in honour of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. We look forward to having you join us at 2:00 pm at the Galeries du Parc.

Nadia Cicurel completes her theatre degree at Concordia this year and has become an integral part of RECAA's Forum Theatre team. She helped us enormously in furthering the goals of our intergenerational project.

### ***Next Annual General Meeting***

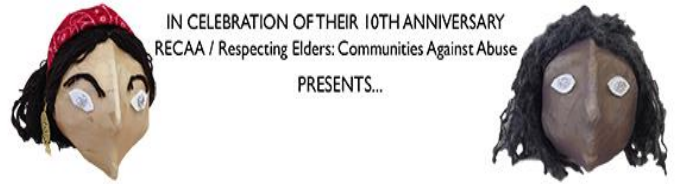
Our next AGM will be held in early October. We will be reviewing some proposed changes to our constitution (please see attached). Anyone interested in submitting their name for candidacy for the Board of Directors, please contact Anne Caines.

### ***New Name***

RECAA has decided upon an English language acronym which we would like to introduce to our members: *Respecting Elders: Communities Against Abuse*. Although not a literal translation of our French name, it captures the spirit of RECAA.

### ***In memory***

This winter, RECAA lost a long-time supporter and member, Susie Raphals. Her gentle yet passionate spirit will be missed by all of us.



IN CELEBRATION OF THEIR 10TH ANNIVERSARY  
RECAA / Respecting Elders: Communities Against Abuse  
PRESENTS...

# **We Are Old! We Are Wonderful!**

a theatrical event in recognition of  
**World Elder Abuse Awareness Day**

Devised by Lib Spry  
In Collaboration with:  
Nadia Cicurel, Sophie Guérin, Chimemwe Miller, Clea Minaker, Jess Orr and RECAA  
Performed by members of RECAA

**THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2013**  
**2pm-5pm**  
**SALLE COMMUNAUTAIRE GALERIES DU PARC**  
**3575 AVE. DU PARC**  
Corner of Prince Arthur — Metro Place des Arts / Bus 80  
Wheelchair entrance at 3590 Jeanne-Mance

Refreshments will be served  
For further information, please visit [recaa.ca](http://recaa.ca) or [facebook.com/RECAA](https://www.facebook.com/RECAA)

