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**SYNOPSIS:** Headlines Theatre's 20th Anniversary Production pushes the company into new terrain with a provocative new dance/theatre spectacle about water privatization. Staging 1000 square feet of water and featuring a cast of international characters, **THIR\$TY** takes on the global multi-billion dollar water industry. Conceived and Directed by David Diamond and Kathryn Ricketts, **THIR\$TY** runs at the Roundhouse from March 21 to April 7, 2002. Tickets \$16 (plus charges) available at the Arts Centre Box Office charge-by-phone 604-689-0926, or order tickets online at [www.headlinestheatre.com](http://www.headlinestheatre.com)

The Vice-President of the World Bank predicts, *"The wars of this century will be about water."*

This may prove to be tragically prophetic as two billion people currently struggle for drinking water to survive on a daily basis.

**THIR\$TY** weaves narratives from Canada, Bolivia, and the natural world, embracing dry humour and rich emotions as it engages in a very timely topic with stimulating outcomes: privatization of water. **THIR\$TY** opens on the United Nations' World Water Day. On that same day in downtown Vancouver, U.N.E.S.C.O. will be hosting an international conference on water.

On April 6, theatre audiences across Canada and around the world will tap into **THIR\$TY** with a live web cast at [www.headlinestheatre.com](http://www.headlinestheatre.com). This is Canada's first full-length professional theatre web cast.

Some of Vancouver's finest artists are immersing in Headlines Theatre's 20th Anniversary main stage production. **THIR\$TY** is conceived and directed by **David Diamond**, Headlines Theatre Artistic Director, and **Kathryn Ricketts**, MainDance Artistic Director and Co-Director of Plan B.

**THIR\$TY** features **Andrew Johnston**, **Kathryn Ricketts**, **Paulo Ribeiro**, **Noah Lepawsky**, **Todd Thomson**, and live sound by **Noah Drew**. The voices of Nuuchalnuuth **Chief Simon Lucas** and **Sheila Paterson** will also be heard. The creative team includes: stage manager Joanne P.B. Smith; sets, props and costumes by **Yvan Morissette** and **Barbara Clayden**, lighting by **Shane Droucker**, projections by **Tim Matheson**, and technical director **Harry Vanderschee**.

Following every performance, an Act II features guest speakers who have expertise on various water issues. The 'counteract' will invite audience discussion and focus on solutions and community action. This production sits at the center of a multi-faceted project, suitable for all ages, which includes public workshops, documentary films,

community arts events including an exhibition featuring artwork by 100 Vancouver residents, and an interactive mural installation at the Roundhouse.

**THIR\$TY Media Call March 21, 12:30—2pm**

@ the Roundhouse Performance Centre (Davie at Pacific)

Please RSVP to Irwin Oostindie at 604-871-0508

Media Call Schedule:

12:30 Actors called; camera set-up

1:00 Run first scene; repeat as needed

1:15 Run second scene; repeat as needed

1:30 Still photography

1:45 Actor/Director Interviews

Headlines Theatre presents **THIR\$TY** at the Roundhouse (Davie at Pacific)

March 21 – April 7, 2002

Preview performance: Thursday, March 21, 8pm

Opening Night: Friday, March 22, 8pm

Performances: Tuesday to Sunday at 8pm. Wednesday and Saturday matinees at 1pm  
(*no matinee Mar. 23*)

**Tickets:** all tickets \$16. (*plus service charges*); 2-for-1 tickets on preview, Tuesdays and matinees.

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