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## Enbridge playRites Awards 2010 Winners Announced

**Calgary, AB** – With the generous support of Enbridge Inc., three Canadian playwrights - one established and an emerging duo - were presented with the **2010 Enbridge playRites Awards**. The award ceremony took place last night at the world premiere of *How Do I Love Thee?* by Florence Gibson Mac Donald, who was last year's winner of the Established Canadian Playwright award.

**Daniel Macdonald** of Regina, Saskatchewan, was presented with the THREE THOUSAND DOLLAR (\$3000) award for an **Established Playwright**. "I would like to thank the good people at Enbridge, everyone at Alberta Theatre Projects, and the selection committee for this honour," said Macdonald. "I look forward to putting [the prize money] to good use in developing my new play *History of Breathing*."

Macdonald is a published playwright with *Pageant* (Playwrights Canada Press, 2003), and *MacGregors Hard Ice Cream and Gas* (Playwrights Canada Press, 2008), and is also an actor who has won various awards, including the New Works of Merit Playwriting Competition in New York, and a SMPPIA Showcase Award for Supporting Performance Male. Macdonald's play *Pageant* premiered at the Enbridge playRites Festival in 2003.

The Emerging Playwright Award was presented to Toronto playwrights **Erin Shields** and **Maev Beaty**, who will be using their prize money to develop their project *Montparnasse*.

"We are particularly encouraged by the fact that you have awarded this Emerging Playwright's award to a play that is co-written, which we feel is also an acknowledgement of the rise in Canadian Theatre of alternative play-creation methods," said Erin Shields. "Thank you again for your continued support of the performing arts and for ensuring that *Montparnasse* becomes everything it can possibly be."

Launched in 2005, the **Enbridge playRites Awards** assist in the development of new Canadian English-language plays, whether originally written in English or translated from another language. The awards, generously underwritten by Enbridge Inc., are juried by a panel of theatre professionals and community representatives.

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