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Alberta Theatre Projects announces 2011 Enbridge playRites Award winners

Calgary, AB – Two Canadian playwrights—one established and the other emerging—were presented with the **2011 Enbridge playRites Awards** at a ceremony in Calgary last night. The ceremony took place before the world premiere of *The Romeo Initiative* by Trina Davies, the 100th play premiered at the Enbridge playRites Festival of New Canadian Plays.

Sally Stubbs of Vancouver won the \$3,000 **Established Playwright Award**. “This award means I can concentrate on the writing and development of my new script: *Full Police Powers*. It means I am able to work with Collen Murphy as my dramaturg. This is huge,” said Stubbs of her win.

Her play, *Herr Beckmann’s People*, premiered in Vancouver as part of Touchstone Theatre’s season in collaboration with the Playwrights Theatre Centre in 2010. She is the recipient of numerous other awards and honours, and is a member of the Playwrights Guild of Canada.

Valerie Sing Turner, also of Vancouver, won the \$3,000 **Emerging Playwright Award**. “I want to thank Enbridge and Alberta Theatre Projects for... believing that supporting the development of new plays is important. For believing in me as I complete the final development of my very first play,” said Turner.

Turner is a freelance writer, editor and copy editor, as well as a performer and co-creator of various projects. She has experience in dance, choreography and direction. This award will help her complete *Confessions of the Other Women*, a play she has been developing since 2005.

“Enbridge is immensely proud of our two award winners, and very pleased to support them in their work as artists,” said D’Arcy Levesque, Enbridge Vice President, Public & Government Affairs. “Because we think art and artists help make communities better places to live, we are committed to promoting Canadian culture through our support of playwrights and other artists.”

Launched in 2005, the **Enbridge playRites Awards** help playwrights develop new Canadian English-language plays, either in English or translated from another language. The awards, underwritten by Enbridge, are judged by a panel of theatre professionals and community representatives.

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