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BellaLuna Productions + Theatre at UBC Present

The Return of **FUTURISTI**

**ITALIAN AVANT GARDE THEATRE IN THE 21st CENTURY**

Vancouver, (U)BC. BellaLuna Productions with Theatre at UBC triumphantly returns the Avant Garde Theatre of Italian Futurism to the stage 100 years since its revolutionary beginnings. Live Performance, Video, Audio, Poetry, Manifestos and more. **THE RETURN OF FUTURISTI** plays at the Frederic Wood Theatre May 31st to June 7th, 2008 Monday to Saturday at 8pm. Tickets are \$20/\$12/\$8 and are available at the UBC Box Office at 604-822-2678.

**23 SINTESI** [*short, explosive playlets*] from 1909-1939 written by Painters, Sculptors and Anarchists bring the turn of the century absurdist revolution to the stage with passion, vigor and a 100 year old vision of the future. Travel back in time with BellaLuna on an unpredictable exploration of the modern era.

**Warning:** **BOLD MANIFESTATIONS, AVANT GARDE EXPRESSION, ABSURDIST COMEDY and PROVOCATIVE REALISM.**

With a hunger for excitement and change, the Futurists wrote manifestos and held demonstrations which laid the foundation for the modernist movement, influencing every aspect of art: **THEATRE, VISUAL ART, ARCHITECTURE, FILM, MUSIC, DANCE and FASHION**. Futurism even gave birth to the V-Neck sweater!

**“Today we establish futurism, because we want to free this land from its smelly gangrene of professors, archaeologists, and antiquarians.”**

– From ‘The Manifesto of Futurism’ as published in Le Figaro (1909)

BellaLuna has assembled a prodigious ensemble of performers, designers and artists to re-create, pay tribute to and experiment with an art form that had an incredible impact on the shape of art and life as we know it. **Directors:** Gerald Vanderwoude and Susan Bertoia. **Performers:** Kerry Allchin, Shaun Aquiline, Beverly Bardal, Susan Bertoia, Stefano Giulianetti, Joe Procyk, Marco Soriano, Astrid Varnes, Nathan Vass and More!

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**MAY 31 – JUNE 7, 2008, 8PM**

**FREDERIC WOOD THEATRE, UBC**

**TICKETS:** 604-822-2678 \$20/\$12/\$8

**INFO:** [www.bellaluna.ca](http://www.bellaluna.ca) or [www.theatre.ubc.ca](http://www.theatre.ubc.ca)

(Group discounts available - shows run Monday-Saturday: No show Sunday June 1<sup>st</sup>)

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