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**German Actress Unveils “Teenager: Anne Frank,” on the Roof of a Thirteen-Story Building for the 2009 Philly Fringe Festival**

**Phila, PA.** Theatre Inbetween debuts *Teenager: Anne Frank*, one-woman play based on “The Diary of Anne Frank” at the Philly Fringe Festival. Performed entirely in a PVC cube on the roof of a 13 story building, this play is a refreshing departure from literal interpretations of the well known diary.

*Teenager: Anne Frank*, will be performed at **8pm, September 10-13<sup>th</sup> and 15-18<sup>th</sup>, 2009** on the roof of the **Parkway House at 2201 Pennsylvania ave.**

*Teenager: Anne Frank*, explores the awakening sexuality, yearnings, isolation and hopes, of the young girl behind the iconic Anne Frank. German born actress, **Anna Watson** plays the role of Anne Frank, a young German-Jewish girl forced into hiding to escape Nazi persecution. *“We’re not telling the Holocaust story; we’re looking for parallels between Anne Frank and every one of us. When I read her diaries, I related to her as another young girl – facing the joys and sorrows of adolescence – despite her horrifying circumstances”* says Anna Watson.

**Director Frank Brückner** wants the audience to identify with Anne Frank through this shared experience of adolescence. *“We’ve all experienced the emotional issues of adolescence that can lead to feelings of isolation. Anne Frank was also confronted with these issues while at the same time being forced into physical isolation by the cruelty of war”* says Frank Brückner.

*“The challenge for me was to create a meaningful interpretation of this dynamic.”* The roof terrace of the Parkway House apartment building provides the audience with an expansive view of the Center City skyline and surrounding area. *“This stark contrast to the enclosed PVC stage for **Teenager: Anne Frank** emphasizes that Anne Frank is not only isolated by her internal conflicts but she is also cut off from the world outside”* explains Frank.

**Theatre Inbetween** is a collaboration between Anna Watson and Frank Brückner, two German theatre professionals who recently relocated to Philadelphia. For them, the Fringe Festival provides a unique opportunity to enter the local theatre community. *“Instead of going to open auditions, I wanted to stage my own play to introduce myself to Philadelphia theatre.”* says Anna Watson. *“The Fringe Festival provided me with the structure and marketing assistance I needed.”*

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**LISTING INFORMATION**

What: Teenager: Anne Frank

When: September 10-13th and 15-18<sup>th</sup> at 8:00PM

Where: Parkway house, 2201 Pennsylvania Ave., Philadelphia PA 19130

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### FESTIVAL INFORMATION:

The Philadelphia Live Arts Festival & Philly Fringe runs from September 4 - September 19, 2009. The Festival Box Office will open for phone [(215) 413-1318] and walk up sales [location TBA] on August 24th. You may also purchase tickets online, at [www.livearts-fringe.org](http://www.livearts-fringe.org). Festival Guides, which include dates, times, and venues for all performances for both Festivals, will be available mid-August at all Festival venues, and other locations throughout the city.

The Philadelphia Live Arts Festival & Philly Fringe were originally founded in 1997 as the Philadelphia Fringe Festival. Today, the Live Arts Festival serves as a series of selected cutting-edge, boundary-breaking performing arts events, created by some of the most renowned contemporary artists from our region and around the world.

The Fringe serves as a collective home for artists bringing their work to audiences in every conceivable form - in traditional and untraditional venues, using new artistic forms and established ones, breaking rules or refining them.

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