



**Cause or Consequence**  
**Cultural Appropriation or Cultural Hegemony**  
**Attack on free speech or artistic control**

Teesri Duniya Theatre and cosponsor the Theatre Department of Concordia University will assemble a panel of experts to discuss causes and consequences of cultural appropriation that forced the cancellation of Quebec's iconic director Mr. Robert Lepage shows: *SLĀV, Theatrical Odyssey Based on Slave Songs*; and *KANATA*, a show exploring Canada's relationship with Indigenous people without Indigenous artists.

Panelists will include James Oscar (Cinema), Floyd Favel (Indigenous playwright), Rahul Varma (Playwright, artistic director), Jessica Carmichael (Associate Professor Concordia University), Xavier Huard (Actor, Member of Menuentakuan Theatre) and Luis Carlos Sotelo Castro (Canada Research Chair in Oral History Performance, Associate Professor Concordia University). The Discussion will be moderated by Deborah Forde (Theatre director, Community activist).

While the cancellation brought uproar on all sides of the debate, and while some pundits have called the protests a form of intellectual terrorism, censorship, attack on free speech, and a blow to artistic freedom - Our panelists go deeper discussing what is behind the controversy. Is it cultural hegemony or cultural appropriation, how is it linked to cultural policies, is cancellation a cause or a consequence, why is work about indigenous and people of colour presented without them and by whom, why are visible minorities invisible, who does colour-blind casting privilege - and finally how do we, in a diverse multicultural society get along with each other?

We invite public to participate in open dialogue and build strategies to address the problems of inclusion, representation, cultural differences and equality in the arts and in society

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