



Please join us in celebration of critically acclaimed German theatre, film and opera director Peter Stein as he is awarded an honorary doctorate from the University of Toronto. The following screenings, performances and conversations will be held throughout the city from June 6th through June 10th.

Stein on Stein: A Retrospective of the Theatre of Peter Stein

On Friday, June 6th at 8pm at the Theatre Centre (1115 Queen St. West), theatre enthusiasts will meet one of the legends of contemporary theatre and opera, director Peter Stein. In a career spanning more than four decades, his work has been acclaimed around the world. From his first production, Edward Bond's *Saved* in 1967, through landmark stagings of *Peer Gynt*, *As You Like It*, *The Oresteia*, and *The Three Sisters* at Berlin's Schaubühne Theatre (which he ran from 1970 to 1985), Stein established himself as one of Europe's most brilliant directors. His more recent work, including *Hamlet* in Moscow, *Faust* in Hanover, and productions of both Schiller's *Wallenstein* and Shakespeare's *King Lear* in Berlin and Vienna respectively, demonstrate his continued brilliance.

Stein will discuss his career and his ideas on theatre in conversation with Buddies in Bad Times' Artistic Director Brendan Healy. As part of the conversation, excerpts from several of Stein's most notable productions will be screened. Admission is free.

The Art of Directing Symposium

Please join acclaimed International and Canadian theatre practitioners and academics on Saturday, June 7th as they discuss The Art of Directing. The event will begin with a conversation between Peter Stein and Atom Egoyan, followed by three panels: "Director as 'Space-wright' and 'Time-wright';", "Director as Author, Dramaturge, Editor"; and "Director as Documentarist/Activist."

The symposium will be held at West Hall in University College at the University of Toronto (15 King's College Circle) from 9:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided. Admission is free.

Directing for the Operatic Stage: Peter Stein & Alexander Neef — June 8

Celebrated opera director Peter Stein and Alexander Neef, General Director of the Canadian Opera Company, take the stage at TIFF Bell Lightbox (350 King St. West) to look back at Stein's four-decade career and screen highlights of his innovative productions of *Pelléas et Mélisande*, *Moses und Aron*, and *Die Nase*.

The screenings and conversation will be held on June 8th at 1:30 p.m. This is a ticketed event at \$12.50 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors. Please book tickets at [LINK](#). Tickets go on sale on **May 21** for TIFF Members and on **May 28** for public

The University of Toronto presents Peter Stein in *Faust Fantasia*

Peter Stein's staging of Goethe's *Faust I* and *II* for the Hanover Expo 2000, as well as Berlin and Vienna, took two years to produce and twenty one hours to perform, and involved over thirty performers along with a custom built performance space. The blend of artistic vision, production values and economic logistics in this epic presentation of Goethe's complete poem of 12,000 verses made for a singular, unrepeatable event that is now part of theatre history.

How can the spirit and memory of such a work be kept alive? Following the idea of Arturo Anecchino, the composer of the production's musical score and Peter Stein's regular collaborator, *Faust Fantasia* evokes the spirit of the original performance by once again entering into dialogue with Goethe's tragic drama, this time in an intimate recital for voice and piano, with Stein as the narrator and Giovanni Vialetti on the piano. With the words of Faust, Mephistopheles and Gretchen either spoken or sung to the accompaniment of music or without it, audiences are given a rare glimpse at the poetic beauty of one of the crowning jewels of German literature.

The performance will be held in Mazzoleni Concert Hall at the Royal Conservatory of Music TELUS Centre (273 Bloor St. West) on June 10th at 8 p.m. Admission is free.

For more information about all of these events and more, please visit our website, <http://celebratingpeterstein.weebly.com/events.html> or our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/celebratingpeterstein>.