

# "Death Warrant"

Attn: Lucinda Chodan  
The Gazette

001110010001

- Richard Séguin

Re: Car Stories

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Dear Ms. Chodan,

I am writing to you on behalf of the cast and crew of 'Car Stories', the Fringe Festival play which has caused so much controversy. We wish to extend our sincere apologies to you and your staff as well as to the staff and participants of the 2001 Montreal Fringe Festival.

Donovan King has purported to act on our behalf during recent events, but in fact we have not been consulted, and his behaviour has come as quite a shock to us. Most of us have now resigned from Optative Theatrical Laboratories, the company formed by Mr. King to produce the show. Our intention when joining the 'Car Stories' project was to create something truly original and to have fun, not to alienate and offend The Gazette, The City of Montreal, or The Fringe Festival and its guest companies.

We would like to state very clearly that we do not support Donovan King's recent actions, which were undertaken solely by him. The Fringe Festival is not responsible for the recent regrettable occurrences. Unfortunately Mr. King's behaviour is now affecting all the Fringe participants and we, the former members of 'Car Stories' regret that more could not have been done to stop this beforehand.

I have personally been involved with the Fringe Festival for the last 5 years in different capacities. It is the event each year that I look forward to the most. I am ashamed that a member of this community would single-handedly attempt to destroy the Festival, let alone a member of a company that I was involved in. On behalf of the resigned OTL troupe, I ask you to reconsider your decision to stop reviewing the Fringe festival this year. It is a marvelous event, which is of enormous benefit to the local theatrical community, and emerging artists.

Once again our sincere apologies,

Lisa M. Levack  
Past OTL Member  
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(Also on behalf of the following OTL past members: Ross Bonnell, Catherine Tasse, Stephanie Kerr, Elizabeth Westmore, Matthew Legault, Richard Seguin, Amy Sobol, K. Daehler, Peter Shams)

Cc: Pat Donnelly, Jeremy Hechtman