**PACTcon 2025 Schedule**

**Kjipuktuk / Halifax**

**May 20-24, 2025**

**TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2025**

**Registration Table open from 6:00pm to 10:00pm in Four Points Sheridan Hotel**

**Pre-Conference Events**

* **10am to 6pm:** Negotiations Masterclass (Neptune Theatre, Oland Rehearsal Hall).
* **11am to 4pm:**National Theatre ASO Meeting. (Neptune Theatre, Windsor Studio).
* **12pm to 4pm:** Alliance of Asian Canadian Performing Artists / StopAsianHate Gathering
* **1pm to 5 pm:** Black Pledge National Gathering (Neptune Theatre, Pratt & Whitney Rehearsal Hall)
* **3pm to 4pm:** PACT Board Meeting (Neptune Theatre, Craig Boardroom

**Informal Welcome Gatherings**

* **6:45pm to 7:30pm:***Neptune Theatre Behind the Scenes Tour. Meet in the Neptune Theatre Lobby for a venue tour filled with anecdotes & behind the scenes stories with Neptune Theatre’s Artistic Director Jeremy Webb.*
* **7:30 to 8:30pm:***First Timers Welcome (Neptune Theatre, Lobby). For First-Time Attendees, Board Members, and Region & Caucus Reps.* Dry event, lite bites.
* **8:30pm to 9:15pm:***Boardwalk Sunset Welcome Walk (meet at the Neptune Theatre Lobby). Join Laura Caswell as she leads a welcome walk on Halifax’s Boardwalk.*Bring a friend, and enjoy the sunset on the water.

**Nightlife Suggestions**

* **8:30pm to 10:30pm:** *Offered by Neptune Theatre - Karaoke Kick off at Bearly's House of Blues & Ribs (1579 Grafton St, Halifax, NS B3J 2C3).* Just a 2-minute walk from Neptune Theatre, hop on over to meet with colleagues, have a beverage or sing a tune or two. The venue is accessible, snacks & beverages available for purchase.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2025**

*Hosted at Neptune Theatre*

**Registration Table, and Hangout Space 8am to 6pm at Neptune Theatre.**

***A quiet room is available from 9am to 6:15pm if a space is needed away from conference activities to decompress. (Craig Boardroom @ Neptune Theatre)***

**8am to 9am:** Buddy Breakfast (Pratt and Whitney Rehearsal Hall @ Neptune Theatre). *For participants in the Buddy Program*. Meet your Buddy and grab a breakfast box.

**8:30am to 9:30am:** Rising Tides Meet and Greet (Oland rehearsal Hall @ Neptune Theatre ). *For participants in the Rising Tides Program.*

**9am to 11am:**Welcome & Opening Session (Fountain Hall Stage @ Neptune Theatre)

**11am to 1pm:** Lunch on your own

**1pm to 2:30pm:** Region Meetings at Neptune Theatre

* Region 1 (BC): Oland Rehearsal Hall
* Region 2 (AB, YT, NT): Imperial Studio
* Region 3 (MB, SK): Neptune Spatz Lounge (Downstairs Lobby space)
* Region 4 (ON, outside of Toronto): Pratt & Whitney Rehearsal Hall
* Region 5 (Toronto): Scotiabank Studio Theatre
* Region 6 (QC): Neptune Royal Bank Lounge (Downstairs Lobby space)
* Region 7 (NB, NS, PEI): Fountain Hall Theatre
* Region 8 (NL): Grant Thornton Lounge (Scotiabank Studio Theatre)

**2:30pm to 3pm:** Coffee Break. *Sponsored by PAA.*

**3pm to 4:30pm:** Caucus Meetings at Neptune Theatre

* Regional @ Fountain Hall Stage
* New Work Architects @ Oland Rehearsal Hall
* Affiliates and Non-Member Companies @ Pratt and Whitney Rehearsal Hall
* Summer Caucus & Rural Caucus @ Imperial Studio
* Theatre for Young Audiences @ Scotiabank Studio Stage

**3pm to 6pm:**Rising Tides Plenary Session @ Windsor Studio

This is a closed session open only to Rising Tides participants. Rising Tides is a paid skill development and mentorship platform which pairs seven developing or mid-career IBPOC performing arts administrators with senior mentors for nine months of sustained learning and knowledge exchange. In this session, the Rising Tides cohort will navigate a fun and challenging choice-based workplace scenario designed by Byron Laviolette.

**4:45pm to 6:15pm:** Caucus Meetings at Neptune Theatre

* Category 'A' Caucus -- Fountain Hall Stage
* Creator Centric Caucus – Oland Rehearsal Hall
* Indigenous Caucus – Pratt & Whitney Rehearsal Hall

**6:15pm to 8pm:**Dinner on your own or with colleagues

**8pm to 10pm:***Conference Opening Welcome B*ar. Join your colleagues to connect and meet. Bar services will be available.

**THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2025**

*Hosted at Neptune Theatre*

**Registration Table, Playwrights Canada Press Book Table from 9am to 5pm in the Neptune Theatre Lobby (1593 Argyle St)**

***A quiet room is available from 9:30am to 5:30pm if a space is needed away from conference activities to decompress. (Windsor Studio @ Neptune Theatre)***

**9:30am to 11:30am:** Annual General Meeting Part #1 (Fountain Hall Stage @ Neptune Theatre).

**11:30am to 1pm:** Lunch Break (Catered in the Neptune Theatre Lobby)

**1pm to 2pm:** Multiple Sessions (Neptune Theatre)

* Ripples of Impact (Fountain Hall Theatre)
* Black Pledge 4 years Later: What’s Working (Oland Rehearsal Hall)
* How Technology Can Enhance Day to Day Operations and the Audience Experience (Pratt & Whitney rehearsal Hall). *Sponsored by VBO Tickets.*
* Theatre for All: Initiatives in Access Across Canada (Scotiabank Stage Theatre)

**2pm to 2:30pm:** Coffee Break. *Sponsored by The Arts Firm.*

**2:30 to 3:30pm:**Session (Neptune Theatre)

* SuperHappyFunTimes with the PACT PGC Negotiation Team (Pratt and Whitney Rehearsal Hall). *Note this is a member only session.*

**2:30pm to 4pm:** Multiple Sessions (Neptune Theatre)

* Cities of/for Culture: How Civics, Commerce, and Culture thrive together (Fountain Hall Stage)
* International Mobility: Coproductions, Tours and Global Exchange (Oland Rehearsal Hall)
* An Introduction to Transformative Mediation (Scotiabank Stage Theatre)

**4:00pm to 4:30pm:** Break

**4:30pm to 5:30pm:**Multiple Sessions (Neptune Theatre)

* How Do We Grow an Organization These Days (Fountain Hall Stage)
* Reflections from the International Black Theatre Festival (Oland Rehearsal Hall). *Sponsored by The Province of Nova Scotia.*
* PACT's Practice of Support (Pratt & Whitney Rehearsal Hall). Click [**here**](https://www.pact.ca/uploads/PACTcon%202025/2025-05-09-PACT%20Process%20of%20Support.v2.pdf) to view a draft of PACT Practice of Support document.
* Bringing Your Venue into Focus: The Power of Digital Venue Records for Smarter Production Planning (Scotiabank Stage Theatre). *Sponsored by Vectorworks.*

**Evening Suggestion:**

**Want to see a reading?**

**7:30pm to 10pm:** *Offered by The Playwrights Guild of Canada and the Playwright Atlantic Resource Centre* – ***Between the Lines: PGC and PARC’s Playwrights Reading Night.*** Hosted at the Scotiabank Studio at Neptune Theatre. Bar services will be available.

**FRIDAY, MAY 23, 2025**

*Hosted at Neptune Theatre (Halifax) & Alderney Landing (Dartmouth)*

**Registration Table, Playwrights Canada Press Book Table from 9am to 1pm in the Neptune Theatre Lobby (1593 Argyle St)**

***A quiet room is available from 9am to 1pm if a space is needed away from conference activities to decompress. (Windsor Studio @ Neptune Theatre)***

**9am to 11am:** Annual General Meeting Part #2 (Fountain Hall Stage @ Neptune Theatre).

**11am to 11:30pm:** Break

**11:30pm to 1pm:** Multiple Sessions (Neptune Theatre)

* Labour Relations – Associated Designers of Canada Agreement Feedback Session (Fountain Hall Theatre). *Note this is a members only session.*
* Fixing Theatre Criticism: A DIY workshop (Oland Rehearsal Hall)
* The Same but Different - Federal Advocacy 2.0. *Sponsored by PAA.*

**1pm to 3pm: *Break & Delegates Travel to Alderney Landing (2 Ochterloney St, Dartmouth, NS B2Y 3Z3)***

**3pm to 5pm:** PACTcon Pitch Party (Alderney Landing)

**3:15pm to 4:45pm:**Crisis? What Crisis? Scenario Planning for Your Theatre. *Sponsored by Young Associates.* (Front Rotunda, Alderney Landing)

**5pm to 7pm:** Cinq a Sept Mingler. Bar will be open. *Sponsored by Front Row Insurance & Blueprint Insurance.* (Lobby, Alderny Landing)

**Evening Suggestion:**

**Want to see a show?**Check out *The Fruit Machine*presented by Eastern Front Theatre at Alderney Landing starting at 7:30pm.

**SATURDAY, MAY 24, 2025**

*Hosted at Ross Creek Centre for the Arts*

**10am:** Bus leaves Four Points Sheraton to Ross Creek

**12pm:** Arrival at Ross Creek Centre for the Arts. Two Planks and a Passion Welcome & Orientation

**12:30pm:** Lunch provided at Ross Creek

**1pm:**Outdoor Sessions hosted by Two Planks and a Passion. Please bring appropriate clothing and footwear.

Delegates will explore the Ross Creek Landscape through art. Sessions to *choose*from include:

* Making your Mark - Printmaking with Bob Hainstock
* Fire and Forest with Vero Madero
* Found Sound Reflections
* The Archeology of Now - Writing with Amy McKay
* Location, location, location. A tour of our theatre in nature
* Symbolic Path - the ecopoetic lichen trail - self directed

**2pm to 3pm:**Multiple Sessions (Ross Creek Centre for the Arts)

* PACT Strategic Plan Launchpad (Option 1). Two options are provided for delegates to attend one Strategic Planning session or the other. (Dance Studio).
* New Leaders Roundtable (Outdoor Stretch Tent)
* PACTcon Reflections, Part 1: Navigating Contradictions Through Relationality (RJ Owen Studio)

**3:15pm to 4:15pm:**Multiple Sessions (Ross Creek Centre for the Arts)

* PACT Strategic Plan Launchpad (Option 2). Two options are provided for delegates to attend one Strategic Planning session or the other. (Dance Studio)
* Integrating Sustainability and Action (Outdoor Stretch Tent)
* PACTcon Reflections, Part 2: Mapping The Self as a Leader (RJ Owen Studio)

**4:00pm:** Bar opens & snacks available (Lamella & Back Deck)

**4:30pm:** Awards, Conference Closing & Celebration (Outdoor Stretch Tent)

**6pm:** Bus load in begins for delegates not attending the dinner.

**6:15pm:** Conference Closing Dinner for delegates who opted in (RJ Owen Studio)

**8:30pm:** Buses leave Ross Creek and travel back to Four Points Sheraton.