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## **VERTIGO THEATRE ANNOUNCES Y STAGE THEATRE SERIES TO END FOLLOWING CURRENT SEASON**

Calgary, AB - Vertigo Theatre Society announced that the **Y Stage Theatre Series** will be discontinued following the end of its current season. Founded in 2003, the Y Stage Theatre Series has presented theatre for young audiences from companies across Canada and abroad to children aged 3 and up.

“While the Y Stage Theatre Series has been artistically successful, Vertigo Theatre has carefully considered and identified its strategic priorities for the future of the organization. With a commitment to ensuring long-term financial and artistic sustainability, we are focusing our resources on new play development and mentorship with the BD&P Mystery Theatre Series and will continue to support youth engagement through our student matinee program,” says **Curtis Buck, Chair of the Vertigo Theatre Board of Directors**.

**Artistic Director Craig Hall** adds “As the company has evolved, the need to focus our resources on areas that align most directly with our artistic vision make it necessary to re-structure our programming in order to create the greatest opportunities for success. The decision to end our Y Stage Theatre Series programming is not an easy one, but by prioritizing new play development and mentorship we will continue to nurture the next generation of theatre artists.”

Vertigo Theatre’s Y Stage Theatre Series will present *The Star Keeper* Feb. 24-26, 2017, and conclude with *The Adventures of Alvin Sputnik: Deep Sea Explorer* Apr. 21-23, 2017. Tickets for each show are available online at [www.vertigotheatre.com](http://www.vertigotheatre.com) or by phone at 403-221-3708.

Vertigo Theatre will continue to offer performances for student audiences through our BD&P Mystery Theatre Series. Student matinees will be available to book for the 2017-2018 season beginning February 16, 2017.

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