

## HERE'S WHAT AUDIENCES HAVE TO SAY...

"This was a sparkling, funny, touching, and novel experience, reflecting the art of the miniature and the skill of the writer and performers. It was also very engaging as the listener!" ~ **David Goldbloom**

"I was fascinated by the little glimpse these mini-plays gave into the reality of others at a time when it is important to empathize." ~ **Anne Dunning**

"That was fabulous, so much fun. I loved the mix of comedy and more serious drama. Proof that a lot can be revealed in 10 minutes." ~ **Lynda Del Grande**

"We thought it was an excellent experience. We're still talking about it this morning. It was extremely well planned. The plays were well written, provided a wide array of stories, and used the phone as a medium in interesting ways. The phone almost felt like a character in the work. We especially liked the interactive pieces. A simple way of making it more fun." ~ **Robin Sokolowski, Executive Director, Playwrights Guild of Canada**

"All the plays offered something to delight, or to muse upon. I think you did a tremendous job looking at the various experiences of isolation and quarantine. And the actors were marvellous in this new (at least for the theatre) medium. Bravo!" ~ **Paula**

"The writing was so good, with a great mix of drama and comedy. I hope it has another life, when this is all over." ~ **Nic**

"This whole thing is such a simple and kind way to reach out across the quaran-void with theatre. I'm thankful you decided to do it." ~ **Grahame**

"What a generous, soft and tiny, giant and fierce piece of art." ~ **Frank**

"A personal performance just for me. I'm framing my cell phone!" ~ **David S. Craig**

"It was a fantastic experience. Each call was different, but engaging. I feel especially fortunate to have such talented individuals performing just for me!" ~ **Len D**

That was fucking amazing! Every moment of that was a gift. Thank you so much.  
~ **Dmitry Chepovetsky**

"Thank you for saving me from Netflix for one night!" ~ **Jane Moffat**

"It was a really special night. We especially loved the interactive components and receiving just our lines ahead of time. Really made me listen." ~ **Patron**

"Great fun! Loved eavesdropping on these interesting lives. Loved the surprises from my wonderful scene partners. The writing was superb. Best Friday night in weeks!" ~ **Linda**

“Each time the phone rang I felt a surge of excitement and anticipation, not knowing where I would be transported next. These six intimate variations made me feel like a voyeur, hearing conversations that sometimes made me laugh and sometimes made me uncomfortable, but they always made me feel connected to the characters and always kept me riveted. When they ended I wanted to know what was going to happen to them next.” ~ **Enthusiastic Supporter**

“I didn't think I would but I like the interactive calls but I did! They kept me on my toes, and I liked trying to be in character. I liked the combo of interactive + voyeuristic. I really enjoyed your use of the platform, and we even enjoyed finding things to do between each interval. We hung out together, played piano, caught up on emails, showed each other videos!!” ~ **Evelyn**

“Wasn't it fun to do?! I must confess I was anxious for each call--would it come? Would I do a good job of reading? Would I engage when I should? I always have respect for the actor, but boy did my respect quotient rise here.” ~ **Lynn**

“As all good theatre should do it made me think. All these plays were about human relationships and most of them were about how we behave and how we relate to one another during this pandemic . This isn't something that any of us were thinking, say a year ago. I hope the next set of plays will be as interesting as these were; I will definitely be participating .” ~ **Felicity**

“It was a very enjoyable evening. I made a tea and waited for the phone to ring”. ~ **Patron**

Thanks for the really thought provoking and emotionally compelling experience last night! What a truly amazing feat! I thought they were so well written and performed all 'round. Thanks for connecting so many folks in these turbulent times. Gratitude. ~ **Kevin**

“What a fantastic way to spend a few hours during this damn pandemic! I laughed, I cried, I felt connected.” ~ **Barbara Salsberg**

“What a great and unique experience!! The stories and actors were wonderful. We loved catching that a couple of the stories were related through the subtitle mention of common characters.” ~ **Casie & James**

“You are filling a void that is deep and I am eternally grateful.” ~ **Brendon**

“I 'took' my friend who lives in Denver and has been living alone for the past 3 months. Getting to experience the plays together was a true joy. Thank you for using these challenging times to create and give audiences an opportunity to savour together.” ~ **Andrew**

“What a wonderful experience! I loved every moment! I found myself laughing along, crying at one point. A terrific gift during this crazy time.” ~ **Laura Anne Harris**

“It is a brave and beautiful endeavour! I found some of the pieces really touching, and others just fun, and some both. It was fun and kind of uplifting to be part of it...I only wish more people could partake in this; so many people are suffering so much anxiety, depression, and fear. Thank you SO much for this incredibly creative contribution.” ~ **Patricia**

“I loved the novelty of the experience and enjoyed all the interactive elements. I really felt like I was getting a phone call from the various characters. At this point in our isolation we are becoming reacquainted and appreciative of the telephone. It was a lovely way to interact. I will continue to watch and appreciate your work and the creativity of Convergence Theatre.” ~ **Esther Pifko**

“I enjoyed the variety of characters, the audience participation and the quality of acting and writing. I also enjoyed the puzzle of figuring out if any of the characters in one scene had a connection to those in other scenes”. ~ **Tama Soble**

“I loved this experience! I found that for me, the element of having a script for the two ‘interactive’ plays was a fun way to create a truly immersive experience.” ~ **Hannah**

“Thank you so much for the foresight to create these phone plays! We really enjoyed our experience, especially the interactive parts. Therapeutically useful!” ~ **Mary**

“I really enjoyed it - all its aspects: participating, being a fly on the wall, relating to the youthful references (or not sometimes!). I particularly had a moment in Tele-therapy with Jean, as my own parents are having such a hard time not hanging out with my son. Congrats to the whole team.” ~ **Lara**

“Thank you so much for this wonderful experience. I had such a good time. I was a little nervous about the audience participation part but I think I pulled it off without a hitch! The actors were stupendous, and I loved getting to hear these small slices of life.” ~ **Annie**

“The plays were all so beautifully human, and listening to someone speaking over the phone is SO much more intimate than I was imagining... My parents also commented how nice it was to hear other people speaking some of the thoughts they’d been having these past couple months. It truly did feel like we were a little less alone in all of this.” ~ **Briana**

“I had a great time - it was so fun to feel a bit like I was 'watching' a play, a thing that I REALLY MISS. I also had a lot of fun interacting with the artists. Well done and thank you for making this work!” ~ **Joanna**

“I couldn’t really have predicted what I felt. We’ve been watching a lot of recorded theatre and I thought, intellectually, like that was filling the hole, since analyzing and appreciating great acting is like a huge part of why I like going to the theatre. But I had no idea how much I actually missed being a part of something happening in only that moment for me (that I can’t pause). I’m pretty certain that if creative minds like all of you keep making stuff like this, that we’ll be okay for a bit.” ~ **Griffin**