

poet

a theatrical journey through the poetry of Daniel Jones

From 11-15 November, 2003, at 8:00 pm in Theatre Glendon, the Drama Studies Program of Glendon College presents an original work conceived and directed by Robert Wallace in collaboration with his students in ENGL/DRST 2630 6.0 (“20th Century Western Drama”).

poet: a theatrical journey through the poetry of Daniel Jones, explores a selection of poems written by a young Canadian poet between 1980 and 1985. Born in a working-class district of Hamilton, Ontario in 1959, Daniel Jones moved to Toronto to study at the University of Toronto in 1977. In 1980, disillusioned with academe, he travelled extensively in North and Central America before returning to Toronto where he worked in a variety of low-paying jobs to subsidize his writing career. After Coach House Press published *the brave never write poetry*, a collection of his poems, in 1985, he turned to writing prose fiction, proceeding to publish several novels and a short story collection before he took his own life in 1994.

To realize Jones’ poetry on stage, Wallace and his students work from ideas formulated by Antonin Artaud, the iconoclastic French writer and director best known for *Le Théâtre et son double*, for whom theatre is “poetry in space”—a corporeal expression of the artist’s soul. Like Jean Cocteau (from whom he borrowed the term), Artaud believed that actors are “athletes of the senses”—physical poets who must utilize their entire bodies to explore not only words but space as well. Using Artaud’s approach in *poet*, Wallace intends the imagism of his production to convey the feelings that lead a poet to write, as well as to extend the moods that particular poems evoke.

poet: a theatrical journey through the poetry of Daniel Jones runs from 11-15 November at 8:00 in Theatre Glendon, 2275 Bayview Avenue (corner Bayview and Lawrence), Toronto. Ticket prices are \$3.00 for students, \$6.00 for others. For further information or reservations, contact the Theatre Glendon Reservation Line at 416-487-6822.