

April 28, 1999

Arts Committee Chair
Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton
Ottawa-Carleton Centre, Cartier Square
111 Lisgar Street
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Sir or Madam:

We would like to begin by thanking you for your support and interest in our project. We are convinced that setting up an urban summer theatre in the Nouvelle Scène remains an important and viable project.

We must mention, however, that the project, in its original format, cannot be implemented this summer and must be delayed until next year. The project depended on the creation of a consortium that included residing companies at the Nouvelle Scène, the Nouvelle-Scène and the Duo DDT to ensure adequate financing for producing and performing *Quatre en Quarantaine*. Unfortunately, for various financial and organizational reasons, we haven't been able to retain the support of all parties, thus significantly reducing our ability to go ahead with the project.

We do feel, however, that this is only a temporary setback and, with more preparation time, we will be able to gather the necessary conditions that will enable us to execute the project by the summer of 2000.

Until that time, we wish to make good use of this setback. Following certain comments, including those of the RMOC jury and some consultations, we see it fit and necessary to rework the text of *Quatre en Quarantaine*. We plan on using the money you have allocated to us to bring together in studio, as of this summer, part of the artistic team already chosen for production to write up a new version of the text by September.

The next objective is to set up a semi-public reading, where potential producers would be invited (the residing companies of the Nouvelle Scène, of course, but also other companies such as the National Arts Centre), and this, around mid-September.

This temporary change of plans, although disappointing at first, will surely allow us to better anchor ourselves for the future. We are excited at the idea of rewriting the text and we are confident that the final result will be worth the wait imposed by circumstances.

I hope the provided explanation of the situation is clear, and we invite you to communicate with us if you need any clarification or additional information.

Sincerely,

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