

Hi Party People!

We wish we could be there to talk with you, but we're unable to attend. Thank you all for participating in this party to raise funds for Dramatic Adventure Theatre. We are excited to hear how your party goes and we can't wait to see the pictures!

First, we should tell you that Dramatic Adventure Theatre is a theatre company that ACTS! It collaborates, educates, builds, inspires, encourages, shares and grows. In this way, the DAT team presents much more than a piece of theatre; we are ambassadors of hope. We are working with communities abroad to empower voices and spread our theatrical knowledge in ways that will benefit these communities.

Currently, DAT is working with communities in Ecuador and Zimbabwe. The Ecuador Project consists of a seven-week journey with seven artists into the heart of the Andes, the Amazon, Quito, the Esmeraldas and the Galapagos to explore the country and depart with a better understanding of the current needs of the common Ecuadorian. DAT will work with EcuExperience, a non-profit service group based in Canada to understand the needs and will create a play that draws attention to the current issues that Ecuador faces.

The Zimbabwe Project started much the same as the Ecuador Project. Four actors spent six-weeks traveling the country, work shopping with the locals and learning about the crisis as the team experienced some of the issues first hand; shortages of food, money, electricity, fuel and water for example.

Now DAT has realized ways we can help in Zimbabwe. In a country with a failing economy, shortages of basic goods, and a political system that is up in arms, the arts are the first thing to go. The team members met countless numbers of children orphaned by AIDS and starvation. Not to mention, all the parents who have moved out of the country in search of a better situation, sending back what little euros, rand, dollars and pounds they are earning.

DAT is working with Amakhosi Theatre, the national theatre of Zimbabwe, to create a children's theatre company, The Bulawayo Young Company. These children will be given an opportunity to work with professional artists, actors, playwrights, directors, to learn about theatre, in order for the children to have a tool to tell the stories they are living in their country today. The professional artists will be sponsored by DAT and will continue to enrich these children's lives for as long as DAT can support this program.

We're so excited that you've chosen to be a part of this exciting "Dramatic Adventure"! DAT would love to hear from you, so please stop by dramaticadventure.com and shoot us an email. If you'd like to make a donation to this project, please speak with me, your host, for information on how best to make your contribution. We hope this is just the beginning of your involvement with DAT and we wish you all the very best. Now, party on, party people!