



About Pink Gazelle Productions Inc.

MARYANNE POPE is the founder of Pink Gazelle Productions Inc. – a company renowned for the outstanding quality and challenging nature of its artistic ventures as well as offering a creative environment where career dreams are developed. Pink Gazelle Productions creates works which encourage, inspire and challenge readers and viewers to affect positive change in themselves and the world around them. From books, short stories, essays, articles, play scripts and screenplays to plays, public service announcements, documentaries and films, Pink Gazelle Productions creates entertaining and educational products and productions that benefit artist and audience alike.

PINK GAZELLE collaborates with creative talents to produce meaningful works. Current projects include:

- **Whatever Floats Your Boat**
...Perspectives on Motherhood – Documentary
**Funded in part by the National Film Board of Canada and winner of the Audience Favourite Award at the Bare Bones Film Festival*
- **Face the Future** – Environmental Public Awareness Campaign
**Series of public service announcements and related educational materials that will educate the public about the cumulative impact of individual actions*
- **A Widow's Tale** – Non-fiction book
**To be released September 2008*
- **The Widows** – one-act play
**Winner of the Ottawa Little Theatre's Dorothy White Award for Playwriting and will be produced at the FACE arts festival in Abbotsford in June 2008*
- **Savior** – Full-length dramatic play script
**Winner of the Julia Young Memorial Playwriting Prize and Honourable Mention in the Alberta Playwriting Competition*

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Biography



MARYANNE POPE is the CEO of Pink Gazelle Productions Inc (PGP) and the Managing Director of the John Petropoulos Memorial Fund. She has a BA in General Studies from the University of Calgary and fifteen years experience in writing and project coordination. Maryanne started the company in February 2002 and writes books, short stories, essays, articles, play scripts and screenplays, as well as oversees film projects such as the *Whatever Floats Your Boat... Perspectives on Motherhood* documentary. In March 2008, Maryanne was selected to participate in the Pan Western Film Mission to New York City.

In partnership with the Memorial Fund, PGP assisted in the production and distribution of two public service announcements on workplace safety for emergency services personnel and has aired them on television stations across Canada.

In the Media

February 2008 QR77 Radio Calgary

March 2008 Global TV Calgary

March 2008 Calgary Herald

**May, September,
November 2007** Calgary Herald

June 2007 CTV Calgary

June 2007 CTV Edmonton

June 2007 Breakfast TV Edmonton

June 2007 Wild Rose Forum CBC Radio Calgary

May 2007 Metro News,

April and May 2007 Calgary Sun

May 2007 24 Hours

August 2006 Global TV Calgary

May 2006 Global TV Calgary

April 2006 Calgary Sun

October 2005 Calgary Herald

October 2005 Calgary Sun

October 2005 QR77 Radio

April 2004 Calgary Herald

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For Immediate Release



Why Mothering Matters Tackling the Problem of Calgary's Hungry Children

Calgary, AB – Imagine hearing and feeling your stomach growl, and realizing that you have nothing to stop the hunger. That's the daily condition for approximately 30,000 children and youth in Calgary (Feeding Calgary's Children Initiative).

On May 14th at 9am, Brown Bagging for Calgary's Kids is inviting the media to step inside their commercial kitchen and see first hand how this organization is helping to tackle childhood hunger one brown bag lunch at a time. By providing over 1000, brown bag lunches a day to children whether in the streets or in school, they hope to draw attention to a very real problem in their city.

"The fact that there are thousands of hungry children in a city that calls itself the heart of the new west is heartbreaking. If we want to be a progressive and compassionate society then we must broaden our idea of motherhood and truly care for those around us," says Christy Fisher, Brown Bagging's Community Outreach Coordinator.

Brown Bagging for Calgary's Kids also caught the eye of Maryanne Pope, a Calgary film producer, while filming the documentary entitled *Whatever Floats your Boat...Perspectives on Motherhood*.

"We decided to use the documentary to try and help raise awareness about childhood hunger by promoting the concept that mothering goes beyond raising our own children. This is a problem we all need to rally around and help solve," commented Maryanne, the CEO of Pink Gazelle Productions.

Established in 1990, Brown Bagging for Calgary's Kids reaches out to all children and youth in need through the provision of essential nutrients necessary for healthy growth and development. It also acts as a catalyst in the development of community-based solutions to break down barriers caused by malnutrition.

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To confirm your attendance on Wednesday May 14th (9am) please contact:

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Testimonials

for *Whatever Floats Your Boat...Perspectives on Motherhood*



“I was very impressed with the documentary. I’m going to ask my library to order a copy and will be using it in the mothering course I begin teaching next week. It addresses the complexities of mothering, as well as the nostalgic aura around motherhood, female identity and womanhood. Many thanks.”

– Dr. Fiona Green, Co-ordinator, Women’s and Gender Studies
University of Winnipeg, MB



“An amazing documentary...the honest and real snapshots of so many women’s diverse thoughts on some aspects of motherhood were captivating. When tragedy is part of the backdrop of choices about becoming a mother, there is added poignancy and pain. Thank you for this film and the chance to celebrate women.”

– Juleta Severson-Baker; Calgary, AB

“Fantastic doc! I took away this message: instead of getting too comfortable with what IS, you have to keep moving, keep doing things to stir it up – or life will just change on its own. It’s important for a woman to make up her mind before it’s made up for her. As one woman said: the time comes when you have to cherish what you’ve got and then move on.”

– Tim Roberts; Calgary, AB



“Light and safe on the surface yet powerful. The issues explored ran as deep as the lake, as if the boat was a metaphor for scratching the surface of the motherhood issue.”

– Corrina Tuckey; Boston, MA

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