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CITADEL THEATRE MOURNS THE PASSING OF ACTOR CATHY ELLIOTT

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(EDMONTON) The Citadel Theatre, along with the rest of the Canadian theatre community, mourns the passing of Mi'kmaq playwright, composer, and actor **Cathy Elliot**. Elliot, 60, died on Sunday, October 15, when she was struck by a car in Essa Township, Ontario.

“I had the tremendous pleasure to get to know Cathy during the development of *Children of God* at Western Canada Theatre,” says Daryl Cloran, Citadel Theatre’s Artistic Director. “Cathy’s generosity and artistry were inspirational, and her heartbreaking performance in *Children of God* is something I will never forget. All of us here at the Citadel send our most sincere condolences to Cathy’s family and friends. Cathy was a beautiful person and a great talent, and will be missed immensely.”

Elliott was a member of the Sipekne'katik First Nation in Nova Scotia. Her work often focused on First Nations culture. She wrote and directed *The Talking Stick*, an all-Indigenous musical commissioned by the Charlottetown Festival.

Elliott was most recently seen in the role of Rita in Corey Payette’s Indigenous musical *Children of God* during its run at the National Arts Centre in Ottawa, Ontario. The NAC announced it will lower its flags to half-mast for three days to honour Elliott.

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