

Audience Quotes from *Us and Them (inquiry)*

"(*Us and Them [the inquiry]*) What a trippy experience that all were to undertake. I say thanks to all in that room, it was so beautifully unfake. That's the way I want the world to be, humans helping humans heal from all of our tragedies."

Kim Coté, audience member, Vancouver BC, Nov. 28, 2010

"It was a fantastic experience to sit and enjoy the unraveling of people's stories from 'my' to 'ours.' in *Us and Them (the inquiry)*. I deeply enjoyed every bit which took me to experience a range of emotions from anger, frustration and sorrow to joy, happiness and most importantly togetherness, collaboration and peace. Thank you for being at Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House."

Blanca Salvatierra, Building Welcoming and Inclusive Neighbourhood Program,
Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House, Vancouver BC, Nov. 26 and 27, 2010

"I am someone with training and experience using theatre within communities (particularly those "at risk"). *Us and Them (the inquiry)* was one of the most insightful and inspiring performances I have been to and left me more aware of people around me, how we interact and the possible reasons for the ways we perceive each other (and The Other). It made me want to discuss these ideas and characteristics of human behaviour with the people around me, to share **Us and Them** with others."

Amy Bradney-George, audience member, Vancouver BC, Nov. 21, 2010

"Thank you for a life-changing, mind-expanding, soul-searching, transformative theatre experience at *Us and Them (the inquiry)*! I have never experienced anything even remotely like this, and am awestruck at the power and the possibilities suggested by this utterly fascinating experiment in community dialogue, risk-taking and shared story-telling. An incredible journey in so many ways, and I'm very excited about where this might lead now and down the road."

Mark LeBourdais, audience member, Vancouver BC, Nov. 19, 2010

"Being the person whose story was used in an *Us and Them (inquiry)*, it was at times uncomfortable to relive past injustices that still haunt me today, yet very liberating in sharing with others some of my life. Through David's thought-provoking and interactive model of inquiry, by the end, my story had transformed to "our story", because all of us present that evening were able to deconstruct it at a level that I myself still had not, and take home mental artifacts of that learning. Thank you! And by the way, my colleagues also raved about the experience."

Peter Wanyenya, audience member, Vancouver BC, Nov. 18, 2010

"*Us and Them (the inquiry)* is a great project to uncover social injustice and personal obstacles without finger pointing and it opens our minds to discover opportunities for change on personal, relationship and community levels."

Joachim Ostertag, audience member, Vancouver BC, Nov. 13, 2010

"*Us and Them (the inquiry)* was a very insightful and fun night. It definitely raised my awareness on things I've never thought of, and has had my mind going since then."

Kayla Cardinal, audience member, Vancouver BC, Nov. 13, 2010

"Had a fantastic time last night! *Us and Them (the inquiry)* made us think, laugh, question structures and roles."

Lindsay Marsh, audience member, Vancouver BC, Nov. 3, 2010

"I will never look at a blueberry field through the same eyes again."

an anonymous woman said this to David Diamond
after the Agricultural Workers'/United Church event in Langley, Oct, 29, 2010

"I attended *Us and Them (the inquiry)* and found it very moving and powerful. This has the potential to rank up there with any transformative public experience you've ever had. The boldness required to make the evening happen is equivalent to the boldness required to transform things in the world so that we can keep the planet going forever and have future generations living in peace and happiness."

Jim Edmondson, audience member, Vancouver BC, Oct. 27, 2010

"*Us and Them (the inquiry)* takes us to the place where we deeply feel the resonant truth that we are just one people on this planet. This is startling theatre that requires action."

Kim Hayashi, audience member in Surrey BC, Oct. 24, 2010

"*Us and Them (the inquiry)* has the power for both individual and societal transformation like no other theatre event I have ever witnessed. Be prepared to leave the venue viewing your relationships and interactions with others in a new light. There is no doubt in my mind that I will be talking and thinking about this event for a long time to come. "

Anna Vogt, audience member in Surrey BC, Oct. 24, 2010

"How amazing to see reparation and redemption happening right in front of us at *Us and Them (the inquiry)*. Our stories are, ultimately, all we have. Now we know that they are not fixed and they do not need to confine us. They can be changed."

Claire Robson, QUIRK-E co-sponsor and audience member, Vancouver BC Oct. 23, 2010 event

"I enjoyed *Us and Them (the inquiry)* very much. I learned a lot, was highly entertained and did some soul searching of my own regarding how I make "Them" and how I could more often make them "Us". I also gave thought to my fears and desires and how they rule me -- and how I would prefer to rule them more often."

Sheila, audience member in Mission, BC Oct. 9, 2010