



**Danusia Lapinski has two babies.
One is her infant son Mati, the other is 75 years old...**

Danusia is a new Mom and one of the co-directors of **The Children's Theatre School** – a Montreal theatre institution whose alumni includes William Shatner, Tony-award winning actor Richard Easton, MASH producer Burton Metcale and Ben Mulroney, host of Canadian Idol.

Danusia has been at the school for the last six years, but it was clear to her early on that the theatre would be her life's work. *"I fell in love with performance when I was 5 years old. At first I didn't like the rehearsal process, but once I got on stage...I was amazed at how I managed to get a room full of people to laugh."*

Over 10,000 students have attended the Children's Theatre, and although the focus of the school is not to train professional actors, a large number of former students have gone on to pursue a career in the arts.

Ultimately it is about the kids: *"I love the excitement of the kids during rehearsals and before the shows, I enjoy watching the friendships develop for years to come, but most of all I am thrilled when I see children changing throughout the year: standing a little taller, finding their voice for the first time, expressing themselves fully in character, learning how to collaborate with others and developing a respect for themselves and others."*

Still, running a school is no laughing matter. Making sure the kids are challenged and having fun, the parents are happy, the teachers are sticking to the curriculum – it is a full-time job. Plus – there is a remarkable legacy to uphold. *"Sometimes I am overwhelmed and want to hide under the covers and disappear from the day to day demands. Other days I feel (briefly) that I have found that perfect balance between home life and work."*

She chose the diaper service because this is a woman that has no time to waste! It leaves her more time to bond with 11-month old son Mati – who is her greatest teacher of all...*"He reminds me to stay genuine, present, flexible, loving and always playful. And so do the kids at the Children's Theatre."*

For more information about **The Children's Theatre School**, check out their website at www.childrens-theatre.ca. Or phone them at 514 484-6620.