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The Next Stage Theatre Festival is January's premier winter theatre event in the city. Produced by the Toronto Fringe, Next Stage presents ten of the best shows from the vibrant Fringe community, all in one venue.

STEAM WHISTLE BEER TENT

Cozy up with other culture lovers in our heated beer tent between shows.

FRINGE FUNDRAISER SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

9:00pm: Celebrate the closing weekend of Next Stage and kick off the 30th year of the Toronto Fringe! Join us in the Beer Tent for samples of Steam Whistle's unfiltered pilsner and free treats.

10:30pm: *Delirium* by Martin Dockery (Factory Theatre, Mainspace)

Next Stage 2018 performer and Fringe veteran Martin Dockery performs his critically-acclaimed one-man-show as a special fundraiser for the Toronto Fringe. It is the ridiculous, true story of a search for meaning amidst love, loss, and Monarch Butterflies. Purchase your ticket now to this **one-night-only performance** of the 2017 Fringe hit. Tickets start at \$15, and will be available through the box office.



NNNNN "Hilarious and harrowing... Dockery is a verbal magician." – *NOW Magazine*

#URGENTEXCHANGE

Join the discussion with our partners at Generator on important and timely issues for indie artists. One topic will be crowdsourced using the hashtag #UrgentExchange, and the other will be picked from artists' concerns we keep hearing. Check our website for more information on these FREE events.



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BIRTHDAY BALLOON

David and Millie are on the brink of divorce after a horrible tragedy. Through the lens of this dying marriage, *Birthday Balloon* examines a "new" Newfoundland in the wake of the province's worst economic downturn since the 1930s. Millie has stayed behind in Newfoundland, while David has been forced to work as a pipefitter in Fort McMurray. She believes they are strong enough to continue on from the pain. He thinks too much has changed for them to keep going.

Presented by: **Mauzy May Productions**
 Playwright: **Steve Cochrane**
 Director: **Steven Gallagher**
 Assistant Director: **Dana Puddicombe**
 Producer: **Renée Hackett**
 Cast: **Renée Hackett, Craig Pike**

Photo of Renée Hackett and Craig Pike



GOOD MORNING, VIET MOM

A young filmmaker goes to Vietnam looking for inspiration for his first feature film and finds an unexpected subject – his mom. Part stand-up comedy, part storytelling, and part documentary film, Franco Nguyen takes centre stage to share stories about growing up, living with mom, and Vietnam. Warm up this winter with this award-winning comedian-filmmaker-writer-multi-hyphenate's hilarious solo show, returning after a sold-out run in the 2017 Toronto Fringe Festival.

Presented by: **Soaring Skies Collective, in association with Cahoots Theatre**
 Written and Performed by: **Franco Nguyen**
 Director: **Byron Abalos**
 Dramaturg: **Darrel Gamoin**
 Lighting Designer: **David DeGrow**
 Sound Designer: **Miquelon Rodriguez**
 Stage Manager: **Ana-Marija Stojic**

Photo of Franco Nguyen



THE HAROLD EXPERIENCE

Experience a night of true stories, interesting characters, and lots of laughter, all made up on the spot! Featuring Canada's best improvisers, *The Harold Experience* is an improv comedy show where characters are created and unrelated stories unfold, all inspired by the lives of audience members. These award-winning performers weave together fictional elements with real life narrative, connecting the pieces for a show that is engaging, satisfying, and always hilarious.

Presented by: **The Assembly**
 Created by: **the Ensemble**
 Director: **Rob Norman**
 Producer: **Charlene Roth, Martha Stortz**
 Musical Director: **Ayaka Kinugawa**
 Cast: **Brennan Asbridge, Rob Baker, Vance Banzo, Ashley Botting, Andrew Bushell, Adam Cawley, Matt Folliott, Ken Hall, Becky Johnson, Leanne Miller, Warren Ng, Paloma Nunez, Samara Stern, Antonis Varkaris, Jillian Welsh**

Photo of Ken Hall



JONNO

An angry comedy about a famous radio personality, the women he assaults, and Mr. Donkey Long-Ears, his only friend. Inspired by recent events, *JONNO* takes a disturbingly honest look at the violence perpetuated against women, and forces a light onto the men who engage in it. Fuelled by the current conversations on victim-blaming, consent, and how to do feminism "right", *JONNO* finds the humour and hope in the challenging and the controversial.

After a few select performances, a safe space will be made available for audiences to decompress and process their experience. Find full details on our website.

Photo of Paul Van Dyck

Presented by: **Rabbit in a Hat Productions**
 Playwright: **Alix Sobler**
 Director: **Paul Van Dyck**
 Producer: **Mirka Loiselle**
 Stage Manager: **Emma Miziolek**
 Lighting Designer: **Steve Vargo**
 Sound Designer: **Richard Feren**
 Set and Costume Designer: **Christine Urquhart**

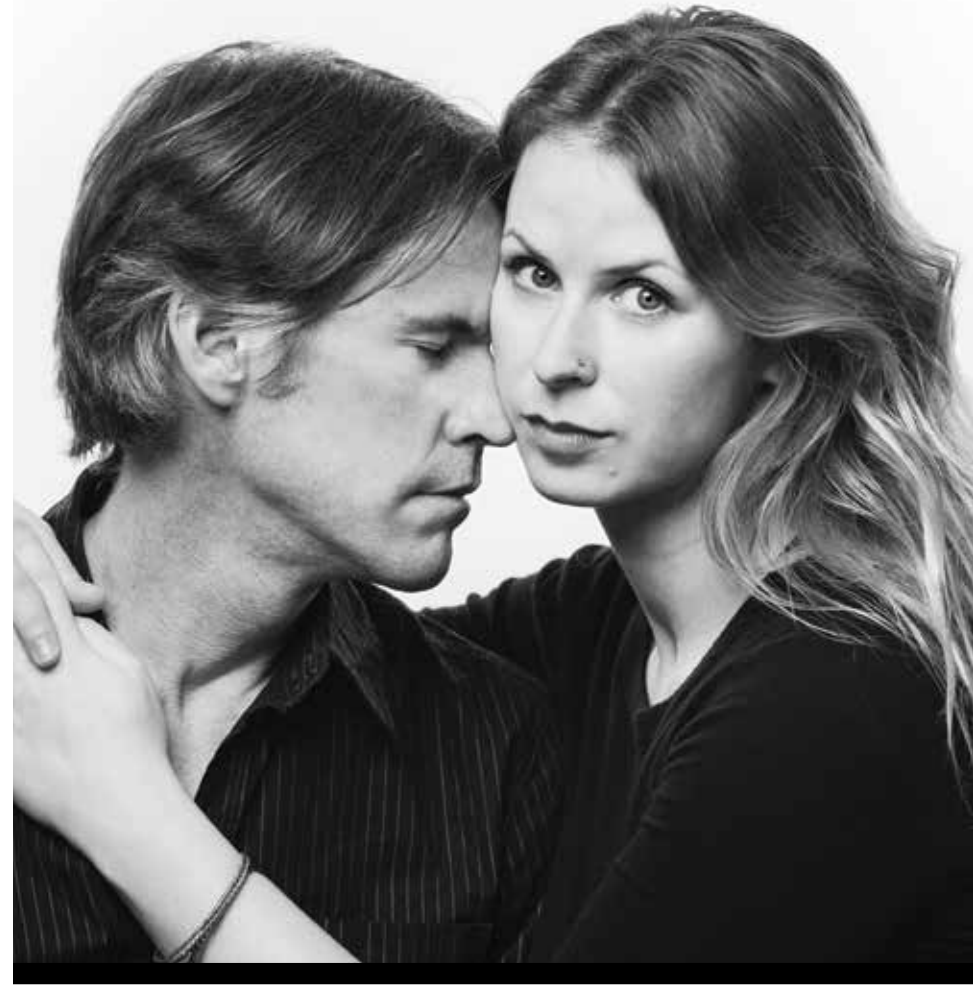


LEILA LIVE!

Real life Persian Princess seeking a real guy who is trusting, healthy, and has his Canadian citizenship. Must enjoy authentic middle eastern cuisine, hypnotic dance moves, and little bit of fluff and scruff. No smoking, drinking, or drugging allowed! If my parents don't like you, chances are I will ;) Swipe right for singing, dancing, acting, joking, and modeling by me (Leila).

Presented by: **Laugh With Leila**
 Creator and Performer: **Leila**
 Director: **Leila's Mother**

Photo of Leila



MOONLIGHT AFTER MIDNIGHT

A mysterious man and a beautiful woman role-play a relationship in a hotel room at midnight, setting the stage for a mind-bending romantic mystery about love and loss. A fast-paced play about the impermanence of relationships, the illusion of time, and the very nature of theatre itself. *Moonlight After Midnight* was awarded the top Critics Pick at festivals in Orlando, Ottawa, Cincinnati, and Adelaide.

Presented by: **Concrete Drops**
 Created by: **Martin Dockery** (Writer) and
Vanessa Quesnelle (Dramaturg)
 Cast: **Vanessa Quesnelle, Martin Dockery**

Photo of Martin Dockery and Vanessa Quesnelle



RUMSPRINGA BREAK!

Before committing to the Amish faith forever, seventeen-year-old twins Hannah and Ruth leave the comfort of their sheltered community to explore the outside world for the first time. After finding themselves stranded in Buffalo's roughest neighbourhood, all their plans go up in smoke. In order to survive, the sisters must rely on their faith, the outlandish locals, and each other, in this hilarious new musical.

Presented by: **Marigon Productions**
 Book by: **Matt Murray**
 Lyrics by: **Akiva Romer-Segal**
 Music by: **Colleen Dauncey**
 Director: **Steven Gallagher**
 Musical Director: **Wayne Gwillim**
 Set Designer: **Brandon Kleiman**
 Choreographer: **Kirstyn Russelle**
 Cast: **Georgia Bennett, Joel Cumber, Kirkland Doiron, Arinea Hermans, Jayne Lewis, Clea McCaffrey, Jamillah Ross, Jessica Sherman, Kristian Truelsen, Mitch Wood**

Photo of Arinea Hermans and Georgia Bennett



THE SURPRISE

Ginger is throwing a surprise party and she needs your help. That's where YOU come in. Literally! *The Surprise* is a hilarious clown-based immersive experience that's guaranteed to keep you on the edge of your seat. Who's invited? Who's the guest of honour? You have to come and find out. There will be cake! From the creator and performer of Fringe hits *Chaotica*, *ONEymoon*, and *All KIDDing Aside*.

Photo of Christel Bartelse

Presented by: **Christel Bartelse/DutchGirl Productions**
 Creator and Performer: **Christel Bartelse**
 Director: **Andy Massingham**



SWORDPLAY

Sex T-Rex's multi-award winning heartfelt laugh riot *SwordPlay* returns to Toronto in a brand new Extended Cut! Chandelier-swinging, dastardly schemes, and swordfights, swordfights, swordfights await, as Sex T-Rex bring their signature cinematic style to the stage. Dancing from *The Princess Bride*, to *Final Fantasy*, to *Game of Thrones*, watch as they dip their rapier wit into all things sordid and sworded.

Presented by: **Sex T-Rex**
 Created by: **the Ensemble**
 Original Direction: **Alec Toller**
 Cast: **Jon Blair, Conor Bradbury, Julian Frid, Kaitlin Morrow, Seann Murray**

Photo of Seann Murray and Kaitlin Morrow



THAT "F" WORD

that "F" word is an invigorating and comedic dance performance that fearlessly explores the struggles of feminism. With a diverse female cast, SaMel Tanz captivates audiences with a fusion of Contemporary, Latin, and Hip Hop dance forms. This show delivers exceptional movement with a powerful message from women who aren't afraid to say it like it is. Special guests include the Rasasvada Dance Company.

Presented by: **SaMel Tanz**
 Created by: **SaMel Tanz**
 Directors: **Samantha Schleese, Melissa Hart**
 Choreography: **SaMel Tanz**
 Dancers: **Ella Avila, Kimberly Joy Calma, Lilly Giroux, Melissa Hart, Kimberly Khawa, Irena Ponizova, Samantha Schleese, Rasasvada Dance Company**

Photo of Samantha Schleese and Melissa Hart

NEXT STAGE



		WED JAN 3	THUR JAN 4	FRI JAN 5	SAT JAN 6	SUN JAN 7	MON JAN 8	TUES JAN 9	WED JAN 10	THUR JAN 11	FRI JAN 12	SAT JAN 13	SUN JAN 14
MAINSPACE	JONNO 75 min Drama p5	7:45pm	-	9:45pm	4:15pm	4:15pm	9:00pm	-	6:45pm	7:15pm	-	1:45pm	7:00pm
	Rumspringa Break! 90 min Musical p8	-	9:15pm	5:00pm	6:30pm	1:45pm	-	8:15pm	-	9:30pm	7:00pm	8:15pm	2:15pm
	SwordPlay 75 min Comedy p10	-	5:00pm	7:30pm	2:00pm	8:15pm	6:45pm	-	-	5:00pm	9:30pm	4:00pm	4:45pm
	that "F" word 60 min Dance p11	5:45pm	7:15pm	-	9:00pm	6:30pm	-	6:15pm	9:00pm	-	5:00pm	6:15pm	12:15pm
	Delirium 60 min Storytelling p1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10:30pm	-
STUDIO	Birthday Balloon 75 min Drama p2	8:00pm	-	5:15pm	3:30pm	5:30pm	7:15pm	-	8:45pm	-	7:15pm	2:15pm	4:15pm
	Good Morning, Viet Mom 60 min Storytelling p3	-	5:15pm	7:15pm	5:30pm	2:00pm	-	8:30pm	-	8:45pm	5:30pm	7:45pm	2:30pm
	The Harold Experience 60 min Improv p4	6:15pm	8:45pm	9:00pm	1:45pm	7:30pm	-	6:45pm	-	7:00pm	-	4:15pm	6:15pm
	Moonlight After Midnight 60 min Drama p7	-	7:00pm	-	7:15pm	3:45pm	9:15pm	-	7:00pm	5:15pm	9:15pm	6:00pm	12:45pm
ANTECHAMBER	Leila Live! 30 min Cabaret p6	6:55pm	8:25pm	6:40pm	8:30pm	3:25pm	5:55pm	7:25pm	5:55pm	8:40pm	8:40pm	5:25pm	3:55pm
	The Surprise 30 min Clown p9	9:10pm	6:25pm	8:55pm	5:40pm	5:40pm	8:10pm	5:25pm	8:10pm	6:25pm	6:10pm	7:25pm	1:25pm



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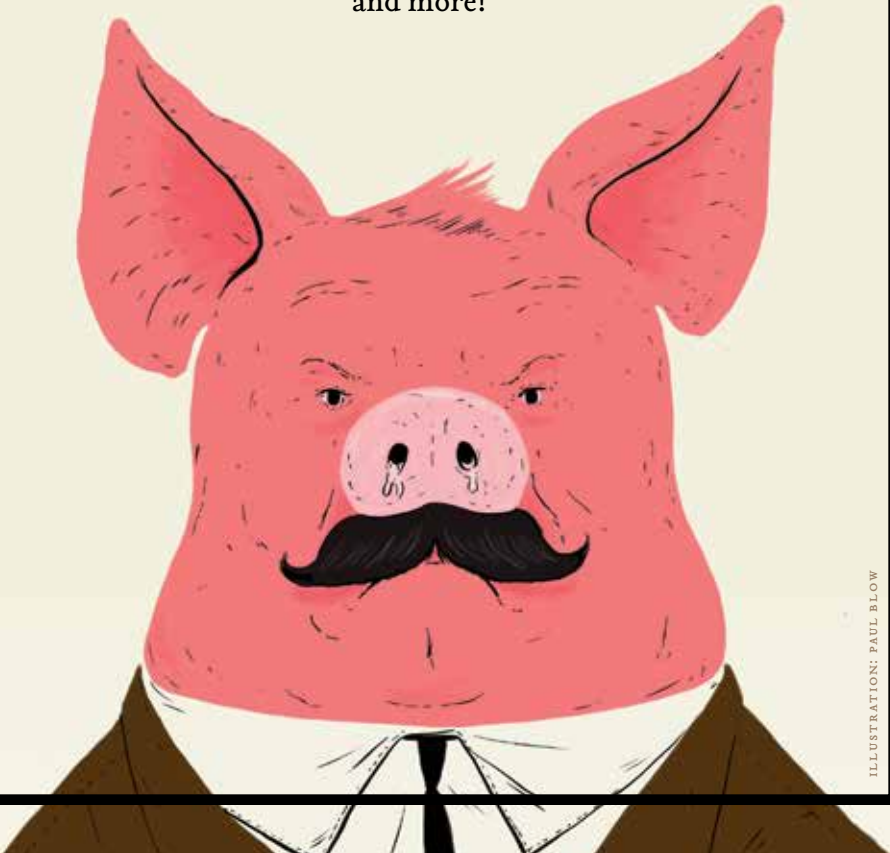


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