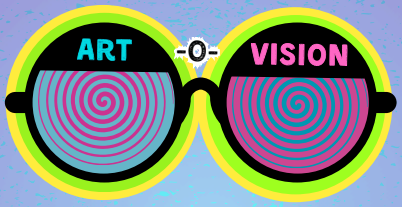
PUMPHOUSE THEATRE

TALES FROM THE STAGE!!

NINE NEW STORIES PRESENTED IN GENUINE



RUBY SWAN

MAGGOT BRAIN

THREE STAR IMPROV CLUB

GOOD FRIENDS & NOTHING MORE

CITIZEN THEATRE

MICAELE JOHNSON

LITTLE BEAN COMEDY

EREBUS THEATRE CO.

THE MEMORIAS COLLECTIVE

THE COMMON GROUND FESTIVAL
NOV. 11 - 14, 2026 7:30PM

PUMPHOUSE THEATRE - 2140 PUMPHOUSE AVE SW

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Land Acknowledgement

We would like to acknowledge that this event is taking place on Treaty 7 lands in Mohkinstis, named by the Blackfoot people, also known as Calgary. We acknowledge these nations as the original stewards, caretakers and knowledge keepers on this land upon which we are privileged to perform.

We recognize that this acknowledgement is only a small step in a larger process of reconciliation and understanding our role in the perpetuation of colonial structures.

FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 11TH - 14TH, 2026 - PUMPHOUSE THEATRE

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 11TH, 2026

MIGHTY MAC BY MICAELE JOHNSON
THE VIKINGS BY THE MEMORIAS COLLECTIVE
LITTLE BEAN COMEDY

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 12TH, 2026

THE COMMON GROUND GALA
GOOD FRIENDS & NOTHING MORE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH, 2026

CELLOPHANE BY AJ PEARCE
SUFFERBOT BY ALEXA R. MCGINN
MAGGOT BRAIN

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH, 2026

IN EVERY UNIVERSE WE ARE IMPROVISORS

THE GOLDEN OLDIES SOLAR POWER HOUR
ON 98.9 THE SWAN

EVERY NIGHT BEGINS AT 7:30PM, EVERY TICKET COVERS THE WHOLE EVENING. THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING LOCAL ARTISTS!

THE PLAYWRIGHT'S THEATRE PRESENTS

MIGHTY MAC

BY: MICAELE JOHNSON

TWO WW1 SOLDIERS ATTEMPT TO HEAL FROM THEIR WAR WOUNDS.

MICAELE JOHNSON
PLAYWRIGHT

RON BROUWER
DIRECTOR

HUNTER WIEST
KENNY

SPENCER STREICHERT
DOCTOR HENLEY

TRISH CLARK
NURSE VERA

LITTLE BEAN COMEDY

COPING WITH LIFE THROUGH LAUGHTER IS AT THE HEART OF THIS GRASSROOTS STAND-UP COMEDY SHOW!!!

FEATURING MONICA URRIBARRI, JACOB TURQUAND & ARV!

THE MEMORIAS COLLECTIVE PRESENTS

THE VIKINGS

BY: KAT ARIFIN & NATALIA CORTES

THREE FRIENDS, ONE SCHOOL YARD, AND A DEEP SECRET. THROUGH FRAGMENTED DIALOGUE, PHYSICAL THEATRE, DIRECT AUDIENCE ADDRESS, AND CONFLICTING NARRATIVES, THE VIKINGS EXPLORES THE FRAGILITY OF TRUST, THE STORIES WE TELL ABOUT OURSELVES, AND WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE FAIL OUR FRIENDS.

A 10-MINUTE VERSION OF THE PLAY WAS PRESENTED AT MAGNUS THEATRE'S 10X10 SHORT PLAY FESTIVAL IN JUNE 2026 IN THUNDER BAY, ONTARIO.

MALAK ABDELBAKY (SHE/HER)
STAGE MANAGER

NATALIA CORTES (SHE/HER)
CO-DIRECTOR / PRODUCTION DESIGNER

KAT ARIFIN (THEY/THEM)
CO-DIRECTOR/ PLAYWRIGHT

KAT LEBLANC (THEY/THEM)
CLARA / DEVISING MEMBER

LAURA ASTIZ (SHE/HER)
ALEX / DEVISING MEMBER

DYLAN MANSFIELD (HE/HIM)
DJ / DEVISING MEMBER

GOOD FRIENDS & NOTHING MORE

GOOD FRIENDS AND NOTHING MORE IS CALGARY'S NEWEST SKETCH COMEDY GROUP WHO ARE NOT SLEEPING TOGETHER. USING FANTASTICAL ELEMENTS TO POKE FUN AT EVERYDAY LIFE, RELATIONSHIPS, AND THIS CRAZY WORLD WE'RE LIVING IN. THIS SHOW IS HOW WE'RE COPING. HOPEFULLY IT HELPS YOU COPE TOO

JAMES SCOTT
DIRECTOR / COMEDIAN / WRITER

MEGAN BALDREY
COMEDIAN / WRITER

HANS WACKERSHAUSER
COMEDIAN / WRITER

SAM ANTONICK
COMEDIAN / WRITER

JORDAN SMITS
TECHNICIAN / WRITER

EREBUS THEATRE CO. PRESENTS

CELLOPHANE

BY AJ PEARCE

DANTE AND BRYAN RETURN FROM THE CLUB FOR A NIGHTCAP. A SECRET DERAILS THEIR NIGHT AND FORCES THEM TO THINK ABOUT WHO THEY ARE AND HOW THEY'RE SEEN

AJ PEARCE
DANTE

FELIX YODER
BRYAN

AJ PEARCE
WRITER / DIRECTOR / PRODUCER

CITIZEN THEATRE PRESENTS

SUFFERBOT

BY ALEXA R. MCGINN

IMAGINE YOU HAD A WAY OF CREATING THAT PUT ALL THE SUFFERING ONTO ANOTHER YOU... AN ARTIFICIAL YOU. A YOU THAT RELIVE YOUR WORST MOMENTS, YOUR MOST PAINFUL HEARTBREAKS, REREAD THE MOST HURTFUL TEXTS, WITHOUT YOU (THE REAL YOU) NEEDING TO FEEL IT. ENTER SUFFERBOT, A SOLO SHOW ABOUT THE CONSEQUENCES OF TECHNOLOGY AND THE MYTH OF THE SUFFERING ARTIST.

ALEXA R. MCGINN
PERFORMER / PLAYWRIGHT

MAGGOT BRAIN

MAGGOT BRAIN IS A JAZZ-CONTEMPORARY WORK EXPLORING TRANSFORMATION THROUGH THE LIFE CYCLE OF A MAGGOT, MIRRORING THE UNCERTAINTY AND GROWTH OF AN ARTIST NAVIGATING CHANGE. INSPIRED BY FUNKADELIC'S ICONIC TRACK "MAGGOT BRAIN," THE WORK MOVES THROUGH FOUR STAGES: EGG, LARVA, PUPA, AND ADULT FLY. THROUGH VISCERAL MOVEMENT, RHYTHMIC EXPERIMENTATION, STORYTELLING, AND THE PERCUSSIVE LANGUAGE OF TAP DANCE, THE PERFORMERS EXPLORE CONSUMPTION, BREAKDOWN, SUSPENSION, AND EMERGENCE. RAW, PLAYFUL, AND VISCERAL, MAGGOT BRAIN ASKS WHAT IT MEANS TO SHED WHAT WE KNOW, SIT WITHIN UNCERTAINTY, AND EMERGE TRANSFORMED.

ANNALISE GRAMMACIONE
DIRECTOR / CHOREOGRAPHER / MAGGOT PERFORMER / NARRATOR

LAURA DONALDSON
PERFORMER - LIFE

JOCELYN MAH
OUTSIDE EYE / DRAMATURG

CHANTEL BRODERICK
MUSIC CONCEPT

JAMIE TOGNAZZINI
COSTUME DESIGNER

THREE STAR IMPROV CLUB PRESENTS

IN EVERY UNIVERSE WE ARE IMPROVISORS

IN EVERY UNIVERSE WE ARE IMPROVISORS IS A MULTIVERSE-TRAVERSING THEATRICAL EXPLORATION OF IDENTITY THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF IMPROV. TAKING INSPIRATION FROM AN IMPORTANT RELATIONSHIP IN AN AUDIENCE MEMBER'S LIFE. THE SHOW AIMS TO DEVELOP AND EXPLORE CHARACTER RELATIONSHIPS/ INTERPERSONAL CONFLICTS WHILE JUMPING THROUGH ALTERNATE TIMELINES AND UNIVERSES. AS THE SHOW MOVES FORWARD, WE WILL DISCOVER NEW ASPECTS OF THE CHARACTERS, THE WORLD, AND CENTRAL THEMES. BY THE END OF THE SHOW WE AIM TO RESOLVE THE STORYLINES WITH A CONCLUSION WHERE THE UNIVERSES BEGIN TO BLEND TOGETHER INTO A UNIVERSE-SWIRLING SPECTACLE.

FEATURING:

KAT ARIFIN
DOMINIK BUCONJIC
MEL HOWE
ROB JANOWSKI
JOSEPH MCMANUS
CIORSTAIDH REID
KELSEY SCHOEN
EMMA VAASJO
CIARAN VOLKE
CAILIN WALKER-BENT

RUBY SWAN PRESENTS

THE GOLDEN OLDIES SOLAR POWER HOUR ON 98.9 THE SWAN

YOU'RE LISTENING TO 98.9: THE SWAN! WE'RE THE MILKY WAY'S FAVOURITE RADIO STATION AND WE WANT TO BELIEVE... IN YOU. BROADCAST STRAIGHT FROM SATURN, RUBY SWAN AND TRIBORE SQUIBB ("THE GOOSE") TAKE YOU ON A JOURNEY THROUGH THE 80'S, 90'S, AND BEYOND, DELIVERING MUSIC (BOTH LIVE AND RECORDED), "ON AIR" BANTER, IN THIS STORY OF LOVE AND COMMUNICATION DIFFICULTIES TOLD THROUGH SONG.

RUBY SWAN
HERSELF / PERFORMER

JORDAN SMITS
TRIBORE SQUIBB / TECH

SNAKE PORTER
VOICEOVER / RADIO STINGERS

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Ruby Swan: A.N., Hello Moth, Snake Porter, and Val Duncan

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