

Presenting

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**A fully *rehearsed* play with a fully *unrehearsed* clown playing the lead each night, ensuring no two performances are ever alike!**

**Onstage May 8th - 19th at The Theatre Centre**

Parlous Theatre, with support from Common Boots Theatre, returns to Toronto with their raucous Fringe hit, **INSERT CLOWN HERE**, after sold-out runs in Hamilton, Calgary, Edmonton, and at the 2023 Toronto Fringe, **winning the Spirit of the Fringe Award**. Thanks, in part, to a grant from the **Toronto Arts Council**, INSERT CLOWN HERE will be presented at **The Theatre Centre (Incubator)** from **May 8th to May 19th** (opening night May 9).

**In a comedic collision of Chekhovian drama and Clown Chaos**, INSERT CLOWN HERE follows a troupe of actors in a fully rehearsed, 19th-century melodrama that is upended when **the lead actor goes missing and is replaced by a completely unrehearsed Clown**. While the Clown attempts to improvise lines and blocking from a script they haven't read, the remaining cast will try to keep the story on track, resulting in **a comedy-of-errors newly created every performance**. What could go wrong? Only everything.

Co-written and directed by Parlous Theatre's founders **Kendelle Parks** (THE FIRST STONE, Great Canadian Theatre Company/New Harlem Productions), and **Jacob Willis** (CLOWNS DOING SHAKESPEARE, Panoply Collective/Bard In The Park); designed by **Irene Ly** (Woking Pheonix, Silk Bath Collective), Christopher-Elizabeth (MAANOMAA FOR MY BROTHER, Canadian Stage), and **Mathilda Kane** (TEASE, Big City Kitties/Crows Theatre); and featuring the *fully-rehearsed* onstage talents of **Kole Durnford** (NIIZH, Native Earth Performing Arts), Ella Berger (ANTIGONE LIVES\*, TMU/Why Not Theatre), **Atlin Hofer** (BONECAGE, Assembly Theatre), **Margot Greve** (KILLING TIME: THE GAMESHOW MUSICAL, Mixtape Projects), and **Nicole Kleiman** (HARMS WAY, TMU).

With an all-star lineup of unsuspecting Clowns such as **Rob Feetham**, **Lisa Marie DiLiberto**, **Adam Paolozza**, **Anand Rajaram**, **Issac Kessler**, **Jane Luk**, **Morgan Joy**, **Adam Lazarus**, and more!

Filled with “**glorious, farcical mischief**” (Istvan Dugalin) and “**ridiculous fun**” (Steel City Girl Reviews), prepare for the unprepared, as you **witness performers embrace the actor's nightmare** and laugh at their spectacular failure.

*“Will leave audience members with their jaws dropped.”* - Beyond James

*“Had us laughing out of our seats”* - The Outside Eye

*“Easily the most fun I’ve had at a Fringe show”* - Parton and Pearl

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## **CREDITING**

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## **Cast**

Ella Berger

Kole Durnfod

Atlin Hofer

Margot Greve

Nicole Kleiman

## **Clowns\***

Rob Feetham

Adam Paolozza

Courtenay Stevens

Lisa Marie DiLiberto

Morgan Joy

Adam Lazarus

Jane Luk

Issac Kessler

Kiana Woo

*\*Some Clowns are TBD*

## **Creative Team**

Written & Directed by Jacob Willis & Kendelle Parks

Production Designer - Irene Ly  
Assistant Production Designer - Alyssa Duhanney  
Lighting Designer - Mathilda Kane  
Sound Designer - Christopher Elizabeth

Production & Stage Manager - Annasofie Jakobsen  
Assistant Stage Manager - Kiera Doerksen Smith

### **Lead Production Supporters**

Toronto Arts Council  
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### **TICKETS**

[Theatre Centre Ticket Page](#)

[Parlous Theatre Project Page](#)

### **EARLY CLOWN DISCOUNT CODE**

For a limited time, Parlous Theatre is offering Early Clown pricing on the first five performances! Until Sunday, April 28th at 11:59 pm ET, audiences can get \$15 tickets with the discount code **EARLYCLOWN**.

**Preview: Pay What You Can. As little as \$10!**

**Regular Performances: General Admission: \$25, \$35, \$50 Student/Artsworker: \$20**

Special Performances: May 12 (matinee) + May 17 (Double Bill) may have special price options.

### **PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE**

Wednesday, May 8th @ 7:30PM (*PWYC Preview*)

Thursday, May 9th @ 7:30PM (*Opening*)

Friday, May 10th @ 7:30PM

Saturday, May 11th @ 7:30PM

Sunday, May 12th @ 2:00PM (*Family Friendly Matinee in partnership with Theatre Direct*)

Sunday, May 12th @ 7:30PM

Tuesday, May 14th @ 7:30PM

Wednesday, May 15th @ 7:30PM

Thursday, May 16th @ 7:30PM

Friday, May 17th @ 9:00PM (*Double Bill w/ Isaac Kessler*)

Saturday, May 18th @ 7:30PM

Sunday, May 19th @ 2:00PM

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