



A MESSAGE FROM THE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR, THEATRE, MUSIC & FILM

Welcome, everyone, to the Jack and Darlene Poole Theatre for our annual Winter Shorts festival. This is our chance to share with you all the work from the first half of our year, applying tools we learned in years past, and putting new skills into practice. My warmest congratulations to the students for the work they have put in up to this point, some of whom are getting their first chance to perform material in front of an audience. A thank you, too, to the parents and families of the students whose work you are watching today. This work takes time, dedication, and consistent presence to build trust and awareness of what this ensemble art form is and does. Your commitment matters.

And one more note of thanks: this time of year, when the sun starts to retreat and the nights become cold and long, has always reflected a rich, internal space. It's a time for increased introspection, and increased learning. Our spring and summer Expressions shows are about celebrating the accomplishments of young people, but Winter Shorts is about celebrating their work – the work of learning. I want to offer my deepest appreciation to each of the instructional teams responsible for the work we are sharing at this show. These early months in training and development each year is where our teams truly shine. I am very grateful for the work they continue to do.

Cheers!

Andy Toth

Artistic Director, Robert M. Ledingham School of Theatre, Music & Film

ABOUT THE PROGRAMS

Arts Umbrella Intensive and Advanced Theatre Programs are year-long programs intended for students ready for a larger commitment to the art and craft of theatrical and musical performance. From September to June, students work with industry professionals to develop the on and off-stage skills with an emphasis on teamwork, discipline, process, creative input and cooperation. From playwriting to directing, voice to movement, musical theatre to acting for stage and screen, each year-long program is one of structure, offering young aspiring artists the space to sharpen their skills in creative expression and individual artistry. The Arts Umbrella Theatre, Music & Film Department presents two theatre festivals throughout the year; the Winter Shorts Festival and the Expressions Theatre Festival; as well as school tours and cabaret nights to give students in each program the opportunity to share their work. We are proud to say that many of our alumni are in post-secondary theatre programs as well as having gone on to work as professional actors around the world.

For more information on Arts Umbrella Theatre, Music, & Film programs, visit: www.artsumbrella.com/theatre

WINTER SHORTS FESTIVAL STAFF

Theatre Operations Manager – Alan Brodie

House Technician - Ryan Yee

WINTER SHORTS FESTIVAL THANK YOUS

Thank you to: Alexandra Eaton, the Yearlong Theatre, Music & Film instructional teams, the Arts Umbrella Programming Team, Alan Brodie, and to all the volunteers.






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SPRING BREAK 2024

Week 1: March 18-22

Week 2: March 25-28

Musical Theatre, Theatre, Improv, and more!

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WINTER 2024

Classes for ages 2-19 begin
January 8, 2024

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2023

GRANVILLE ISLAND FILM INTENSIVE

Instructor – Erik Gow

Assistant – Cydney Uffindell-Phillips

The Students: Mia Chan, Ataya-Angaza Dixon-Noble Mcrae, Tavish Mclvor, Emil Wright, Henry Wynn

SOUTH SURREY FILM ACTING INTENSIVE

Instructor – Laurin Kaardal

Assistant – Jen Tiles

Editor – Cydney Uffindell-Phillips

The Students: Nasser Atoui, Lyle Bannister, Lucy Bao, Sadie Carp, Sarah Jancarek, Aikhem Rai

ACTOR'S FILM TROUPE

Directors: Erik Gow and Cydney Uffindell-Phillips

The Students: Orienne Brunet, Liam Farrell, Audrey Kim, Maia Kovalyova-Pretorius, Trixie Watson

“The Dog” written by Douglas M. Parker

Starring the South Surrey Film Acting Intensive

“What’s in a Name?” written by Claudia Haas

Starring the South Surrey Film Acting Intensive

“A Failed Project” a Silent Film created by the Granville Island Film Acting Intensive

Starring the Granville Island Film Acting Intensive

“Secure, Contain, Protect, and Other Orders” created by the South Surrey Film Acting Intensive

Starring the South Surrey Film Acting Intensive

Scenes from “No Business Like Snow Business” a Holiday Movie of the Week by Erik Gow

Starring the Actor’s Film Troupe

