

Toronto's Premiere Solo Theatre Festival is BACK!



Now in its fourth year, the **SOULO Theatre Festival** returns to the **Red Sandcastle Theatre** in the heart of Leslieville (Toronto) with acclaimed Canadian and international artists, presenting the best solo theatre shows Toronto and North America have to offer alongside workshops and panels to help you learn how to do it yourself!

This year's creator/performer line up features **Rachelle Elie** in her original musical comedy solo extravaganza **Shit I'm In Love With You Again**, local comedian and actor **Daniel Stolfi** traces his comedy roots in **Finding Funny**, life coach and sage advisor **Darlene Chrissley** shares her life philosophies in **In Chaos I Trust**, storytelling favourite and Canadian Screen Award-winner **Rob Norman's I Like You, Do You Like Me?** reveals his past and asks the audience to consider their own histories. Improv superstar **Natasha Boomer** shares exactly what it feels like when you go from guru to corporate liability in **All Fired Up**, **Richard Lett's Sober But Never Clean** follows his 30 year career as a comedian, poet, singer-songwriter and more, through the depths of addiction and back again and Broadway veteran **Bill Bowers** breaks his silence about growing up gay in Montana, studying with Marcel Marceau and life on the Great White Way in **It Goes Without Saying**. Four SOULO Theatre alumni each present an original autobiographical ten minute show in the second SOULO Salon: **Nicola Elbro** returns to the SOULO Festival in **#grateful**, **Morgan Joy** presents her puppet dramedy **The Life Boat**, **Amish Patel** talks eating disorders and comedy in **Fat Shamed By My Mom** and **Silvi Santoso** shares songs and stories of life as a new immigrant in **Bedazzled**.

Governor General's Award nominee and Gemini Award winner **Sandra Shamas** kicks off the education series in a lecture and question-and-answer event, hosted by **Tracey Erin Smith**, Artistic Director of SOULO Theatre. **Daniel Brooks** takes the hot seat in the inaugural **TES Talk** - an intimate one-on-one interview between Smith and Brooks. Workshops include using the physical imagination to move from page to stage with creator/performer **Bill Bowers** and comedian/solo theatre veteran **Anne Marie Scheffler** will teach you how to tour your show while getting paid in her workshop **Go Solo!** Beginners and professional actors alike can get a taste of the SOULO Theatre method by taking **Introduction to SOULO** with **Tracey Erin Smith**: get to know yourself and your show through these simple and practical exercises! Looking for something more in depth? Applications for the **Master Class** are open now!

SOULO Theatre encourages anyone interested in solo theatre — performers, writers, teachers, and audience members — to join us on this remarkable journey of storytelling and discovery. Register for workshops and purchase tickets for performances now to ensure your spot! Full Pass and individual performance/workshop admissions are available via www.soulo.ca

FULL FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

THURSDAY MAY 26 2016 - Opening Night*

Show - 8:00-9:00PM - "Shit I'm In Love With You Again", Rachelle Elie

Party - 9:00-11:00PM - Opening Night Party at Red Sandcastle

FRIDAY MAY 27 2016

Lecture - 5:30-6:30PM - Lecture and Q&A with Sandra Shamas

Show - 7:30-8:30PM - SOULO Salon: Four Short Shows, Nicola Elbro + Morgan Joy + Amish Patel + Silvi Santoso

Show - 9:30-10:30PM - "Finding Funny", Daniel Stolfi

SATURDAY MAY 28 2016

Panel - 1:00-2:00PM - TES Talks: An Interview with Daniel Brooks

Workshop - 2:30-4:00PM - The Voice of the Body with Bill Bowers

Show - 6:00-7:00PM - "In Chaos We Trust", Darlene Chrissley

Show - 8:00-9:00PM - "I Like You, Do You Like Me?", Rob Norman

Show - 9:30-10:30PM - "All Fired UP", Natasha Boomer

SUNDAY MAY 29 2016

Show - 11:00AM-12:30PM - Tracey Erin Smith's Master Class Student Showing (Pay-What-You-Can/by donation)

Workshop - 1:00-2:30PM - Intro to SOULO with Tracey Erin Smith

Workshop - 3:00-4:30PM - Go Solo! Marketing, Branding, Booking and More with Anne Marie Scheffler

Show - 7:00-8:00PM - "Sober, But Never Clean", Richard Lett

Show - 9:00-10:00PM - "It Goes Without Saying", Bill Bowers

Party - 10:00PM-late - Closing Night Party

SOULO Theatre is an award-winning theatre company, training facility and international theatre festival of one-person shows in Toronto. SOULO Theatre has helped thousands of people around the globe share their life stories on stage in a moving and entertaining ways. SOULO was founded in 2002 by Tracey Erin Smith at Ryerson University. In 2014 SOULO Theatre won **Best Small Theatre, NOW Magazine 2014**. SOULO Theatre is the resident theatre company at the **Red Sandcastle Theatre** (922 Queen Street East).

SOULO Founder Tracey Erin Smith is an award winning performer, writer and teacher who believes in crazy-wisdom and practices reverent irreverence. Smith is the founder of the award-winning SOULO Theatre Company, the Artistic Director of Toronto's SOULO Theatre Festival, SOULO NYC and the Co-Founder of the Totnes SOULO Theatre Festival in England. Smith recently won a **Broadway World Toronto Award** for her latest solo show, *MEMENTO MORI*. Her plays have been Critic's Pick in BackStage Magazine NYC, a two time winner of '**Best of the Toronto Fringe Festival**', and the '**Audience Choice Award**' in New York City's Frigid Festival. Smith presents SOULO Theatre Workshops internationally. www.soulo.ca

PERFORMANCE and WORKSHOP information for The SOULO THEATRE FESTIVAL 2016

Venue: The Red Sandcastle Theatre (922 Queen St East, Toronto)

Dates: Workshops & Performances run Thursday **May 26** – Sunday **May 29**, 2016

Tickets: **PASSES:**

Online ticket sales subject to fees.

+ FESTIVAL Pass: admission for one to everything, including Opening Night Party: **\$200**

+ SHOW Pass: admission for one to all solo shows (except Opening Night & Master Class): **\$90**

+ WORKSHOP Pass: admission for one to every lecture / workshop / panel: **\$65**

SINGLE TICKETS:

+ Advance single tickets (Performance OR Workshop): **\$15**

+ Walk-up single tickets (Performance OR Workshop): **\$20**

+ Opening Night* tickets (advance): **\$35**

+ Opening Night* tickets (walk-up): **\$45**

**Opening Night event includes cash bar and light snacks.*

Passes and tickets on sale now at www.soulo.ca