



# A NOTE FROM THE ASSOCIATE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR, THEATRE, MUSIC & FILM

Thanks for joining us for this annual celebration of our artistic process. Winter Shorts is where we get to play around with the components of theatre, music, and film that we are so proud to take ownership of. When we strip away the dynamic costumes, the set pieces, and dynamic lighting design, we are left with the raw, basic skills of performance: intention, movement, and expression. Our Winter Shorts festival is kind of like ordering the soup at the fanciest restaurant in town: Without all the dynamic bells and whistles of the presentation, what is there left to see? Well, let's get warm and cozy, 'cause you're about to find out.

A warm thank-you to the young artists who are

bravely taking on the responsibility of showing up in these pieces tonight, and to the brilliant instructional teams who define our programs. I am in awe of their commitment to craft, to their students, and to making Arts Umbrella a vibrant and safe place to realize their most dynamic dreams.

Enjoy the show!

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](http://www.artsumbrella.com/theatre)**

# **WINTER SHORTS FESTIVAL STAFF**

Theatre Operations Manager – Alan Brodie

House Technician – Charlie Beaver

# **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.



# SUMMER 2025

**July 7 - August 8**

Musical Theatre, Theatre, Improv, and more!  
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vancouver-summer-session](https://artsumbrella.com/programs/art-camps/vancouver-summer-session)



**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2024**

**THE CAST**

**FILM INTENSIVE LEVEL 1**

Instructor – Erik Gow

Assistant – Sage Collins

**The Students:** Olivia Castro, Anele Halbertsma, Irene Lee, Ciara Mah, Dylah Mah, Nylah Merry-Monks, Ryan Palamos, Julia Parker, Jamie Patterson

**FILM INTENSIVE LEVEL 2**

Instructor – Erik Gow

Assistant – Laurin Kaardal

**The Students:** Mila El-Ramly, Nala de Guzman, Bradley Mah, Raina Virani, Ramona (Tim) Witt

## **ACTOR'S FILM TROUPE**

Directors – Erik Gow and Laurin Kaardal

**The Students:** Orienne Brunet, Ziya Chong, Bookey McCormack, Rufus Potie, Bianca Walters, Trixie Watson

## **ACTOR'S FILM TROUPE 2024 (cast of U.N.D.E.R. Achievers)**

Directors – Erik Gow and Cydney Uffindell-Phillips

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

# THE SHOW

Please note some scenes filmed by teenage students have references to drugs and alcohol

Scene from “**Luca**” screenplay by Jesse Andrews and Mike Jones

Starring students from Actor’s Film Troupe

Bookey & Rufus

A scene from “**Goldilocks and the 3 Bears**” devised by Film Intensive Level 1

Starring students from Film Intensive Level 1

Olivia

Irene

Dylan



A scene from “**Goldilocks and the 3 Bears**” devised  
by Film Intensive Level 1

Starring students from Film Intensive Level 1

Ryan

Jamie

Ciara

“**Point A to Point B**” devised by the Film Intensive  
Level 2 students

Starring students from Film Intensive Level 2

Nala

Bradley

Raina

Mila

Ramona (Tim)

Scene from “**Clueless**” screenplay by Amy  
Heckerling



# 2025 TROUPE AUDITIONS

Film | Musical Theatre | Theatre |  
Sketch Comedy & Improv

Auditions take place January 26



Starring students from Actor's Film Troupe

Bianca & Ziya

A selection of "**AB Scenes**" by Alexander Lee-Rekers

Starring students from Film Intensive Level 1

"**Blank Scenes**" developed by the Film Intensive Level 2 students

Starring students from Film Intensive Level 2

Bradley & Raina

and

Nala, Mila, & Ramona (Tim)

Scene from "**A Good Girl's Guide to Murder**"  
screeplay by Poppy Cogan, based on the novel by  
Holly Jackson

Starring students from Actor's Film Troupe

Ori & Trixie

*INTERMISSION*

The World Premiere of:

**U.N.D.E.R. Achievers**

Starring the 2024 Actor's Film Troupe: Orianne Brunet, Liam Farrell, Audrey Kim, Maia Kovalyova-Pretorius, Trixie Watson

Additional Background Performances: Lily Patton, Ziya Chong, Arianne Casey, Erin-Rose Kelly, Eliana Couchman, Lucia Liberato, Lu Ella Woffinden, December Shields

Directed by Eva Tavares

Written by Erik Gow

Produced by Katrina Teitz, Eva Tavares, Erik Gow,  
Cydney Uffindell-Phillips

Executive Producer - Andy Toth

Director of Photography - Saarthak Taneja

Edited by Jacob Weldon and Eva Tavares

1st Assistant Director/Story Editor - Jess McLeod

2nd Assistant Director - Cydney Uffindell-Phillips

Trainee Assistant Director - Tanaz Roudgar

1st Assistant Camera/Camera Operator - Patricio  
Oseguera Garibay

2nd Assistant Camera - Ximena Jimenez

Script Supervisor - Emma Ciprian

Sound Mixer - Tallesin Herb

Boom Operator - Nicole Mei Yun Halim

Key Sound Assist - Erik Gow

Sound Assistants - Ethan Sharma, Christina Fu

Digital Imaging Technician - Ethan Sharma

Chief Lighting Technician (Gaffer) - Cúán Schofield

Key Grip - Ravi Jafari-Minab, Leticia Tavares Silva

Production Designer - Guilherme Quieroz

Art Director/Costumes - Ligia Rosa

Set Dresser - Felipe Ramirez Vinatea

Makeup and Hairstyling - Kitty Yin

Key Production Assistant - Berfin Yildiz

Production Assistants - Ethan Sharma, Mariela Shuley, Hailey Fowler

On-Set Still Photography - Mariela Shuley

Post-Production Supervisor - David Z Cohen

Assistant Editor - Julia Kliuchnyk

Colorist - Saarthak Taneja

Sound Designer - Andres Valero

Credits by Matteo D'Errico

Catering by The Food Story Cuisine

Shot on Location at Arts Umbrella and Granville  
Island Hotel

Gear provided by Sparky's Rentals

Camera provided by Keslow Camera

Special thanks to Melanie Watier, Ranim Fanham,  
Nathanael Vass, and James Brooks



# **SPRING BREAK** 2025

**Musical Theatre, Theatre, Improv, and more!**

**Week 1: March 17-21**

**Week 2: March 24-28**

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