



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

WINTER SHORTS FESTIVAL STAFF

Theatre Operations Manager – Alan Brodie

Stage Manager – Jaren Guerreiro

House Technician – Charlie Beavers

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.



WINTER SHORTS FESTIVAL 2024 - SHOW SCHEDULE

December 13-15th

Click the day you are attending for full show credits
and running order

Friday, Dec 13th - 7pm

Sketch Comedy and Improv Troupe
Theatre Troupe

Saturday, Dec 14th- 3pm

Theatre Intensive Level 1
Theatre Intensive Level 2
Theatre Intensive Level 3
Sketch Comedy and Improv Intensives

Saturday, Dec 14th- 7pm

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Sketch Comedy and Improv Troupe

Sunday, Dec 15th- 7pm

Theatre Intensive Level 1

Theatre Intensive Level 2

Theatre Intensive Level 3

Theatre Troupe



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July 7 - August 8

Musical Theatre, Theatre, Improv, and more!
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FRIDAY, DEC 13TH - 7PM

THE CAST

SKETCH COMEDY AND IMPROV TROUPE

Director – Matt Clarke

Assistant Director – Sarah Kelen

The Students: Olympia Catevatis, Jonah Curley, Felix Fang, Mattias Kondor, Katie MacLachlan, Sydney Roland, Fen Schellekens

THEATRE TROUPE

Directors – Seamus Fera, Laura McLean,
and Laura Reynolds

The Students: Jax Arvidson, Zara Bacic, Zayne Betel-Jadavji, Liam Farrell, Quinlan James Flyod, Ana Khan, Jesse MacPherson, Ronan Martin, Minu Mansoor-Mckee, Aimee Mintha, Frieda Penney, Béo Ripley, Audrey Ross, Fenix Stairs, Katie Wu

THE SHOW

“Canker Sores and Other Distractions” by
Christopher Durang

Performed by Theatre Troupe

Aimee - Prunella

Jesse - Martin

Liam – Mitch

“The Actor’s Nightmare by Christopher Durang”

Performed by Theatre Troupe

Quinlan - George Spelvin 1

Ronan - Mark

Audrey - Sarah Siddons

Katie - Ellen Terry

Béo - Henry Irving

Frieda - Sybil/Gertrude

Zara - George Spelvin 2

Zayne - George Spelvin 3

“Medea” by Christopher Durang and Wendy Wasserstein

Performed by Theatre Troupe

Ana - Actress/ Medea

Minu - Chorus/Jason

Jax - Chorus/Messenger

Fenix - Chorus/Angel

Ronan - The Stage Manager

“Skimpy Shorts”

written and performed by the Sketch Comedy and
Improv Troupe



SATURDAY, DEC 14TH - 3PM

THE CAST

THEATRE INTENSIVE LEVEL 1

Instructor – Sarah Kelen

Assistant – December Shields

The Students: Lara Basaran, Ziba Forooghian, Elaina Gatzka, Hannah Hou, Zoe Kitching-Shaw, Rachel Marks, Zora-Wynn Webster, Taylor Xi

THEATRE INTENSIVE LEVEL 2

Instructor – Francis Dowlatabadi

Assistant – Kitra Jeanne

The Students: Kali Buckle, Cameron Frain Clarke, Andrew Gao, Kaia Gill, Brianna Gurcu, Nico Leung, Cathy McCarthy, Molly McCarthy, Kiera Menzela, Brooklyn Reece, Elizabeth Sutherland

THEATRE INTENSIVE LEVEL 3

Instructor – Francis Dowlatabadi

Assistant – Sarah Kelen

The Students: Rhysa Doherty, Katie MacLachlan, Maddie Murrery, Arezoon Paterson, Isla Richards, Aletheia Yuen

SKETCH COMEDY AND IMPROV INTENSIVES

Instructors – Matt Clarke & Sarah Kelen

Assistants – Sage Collins & Lucia Liberato

The Students: Austin Bakundukize, Charli Bird, Riley Capelin, Alena Chen, Savannah Evergreen, Bailey Igonia, Finn Gilmore, Noelle Leach, Colm MacKay, Ellie Pelletier, Ethan Richards, August Rodriguez-Lau, Dylan Taylor, Emery Turenne, Maddy Victor

THE SHOW

“Missing Magic” devised and performed by Theatre Intensive Level 1

In Alphabetical Order*

Elaina – Lunar

Hannah – Lana

Lara – Abby

Rachel – Eve

Taylor – Mochi

Ziba – Agatha

Zoe – Chicken Girl

Zora-Wynn – Zacheriya

High School Drama devised and performed by

Theatre Intensive Level 2

In Order of Appearance*

Andrew – Andrew

Cameron – Tara

Catherine – Rose

Brianna – Brianna

Kali – Lilly

Kiera – Kiki

Brooklyn – Brook

Nico – Gavyn

Molly – Jill Bury

Kaia – Sasha

Elizabeth – Alexandra

“SkImprov!”

Devised and performed by the Sketch Comedy and

Improv Intensives

Richard III, Act 1 Scene 2 by William Shakespeare-

Performed by Theatre Intensive Level 3

Katie – Gloucester

Arezoo – Lady Anne

Much Ado About Nothing, Act 3 Scene 3 by William Shakespeare

Performed by Theatre Intensive Level 3

Maddie – Dogberry

Alethia – Verges

Rhysa – Seacoal



2025 TROUPE AUDITIONS

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Auditions take place January 26





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Week 2: March 24-28

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