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**SHORT KING**

**Access Guide**



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**Sweet Action Theatre**

This guide uses plain language to provide audiences, particularly neurodiverse audiences, with specific sensory details of programming in advance to help guide your experience.

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## About **SHORT KING**

Short King is an adventure about a tiny king with a very big problem — he's banned shadows from his entire kingdom, and now the darkness is winning. After losing everything he loves, Short King has spent years running from his grief instead of facing it. But when a creeping Shadow Beast threatens to swallow his kingdom whole, he has no choice but to go on the quest of his life. Part shadow puppetry, part live performance, part royal audience participation — Short King is a wildly theatrical journey through forests, kingdoms, and puddles of feeling. It's a show about what we carry when we lose someone we love, and how one king learns to carry it better. For brave young adventurers and the grown-ups beside them.

## Run Time

45 minutes with no intermission

## Content Warnings and Advisories

Please be advised that **SHORT KING** explores grief and loss through puppetry and shadow play. It includes the death of a beloved pet, though nothing is shown graphically.

## Cast and Characters



**GORDON NEILL** plays the role of **SHORT KING** (include character description if desired).

## Costumes



It's a humanette puppet body wearing a king's outfit

## Get in Touch

If you have any questions or concerns about this access guide or planning your visit to SHORT KING at the 2026 Toronto Fringe Festival, please reach out.

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