



GREMLIN HOUR

Toronto Fringe Kidsfest, July 3-15 2019

Tickets \$5-\$11

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For Immediate Release: June 5, 2019 Award Winning Kerploding Theatre is back and wilder than ever with a brand new play **GREMLIN HOUR**. *Gremlin Hour* tackles childhood depression, anxiety, and mental health by talking openly to kids about those not-so-fun feelings while serving up a hilariously fun show with silly sketch comedy, improv, original music, cartoon illustrations, and more!

12 year old Hazel is convinced she is broken. She can't get along with the other kids at school, can't seem to enjoy "normal" kid activities, and feels numb inside. Her mother and teachers are confounded by her strange behaviour... and apparently so are the gremlins who live under her bed. The story follows Grom and Grox - two Gremlins who are determined to get Hazel back on track so they can spook her and escape the wrath of the Gremlin Council.

GREMLIN HOUR is Kerploding Theatre's fifth Fringe show and second in Toronto having brought their original production **TRUNK!** to the Kidsfest last year. *TRUNK!* won Pick of the Fringe in Victoria and the Hot Ticket Award at the Halifax Fringe, and this time Kerploding Director Molison Farmer has teamed up with some of Toronto's silliest comedians such as writers Alex Kolanko (*The Sketchersons*, *The Disaster*, *Fake Cops*, *Public Works*, *Darth Vader Ginsberg*) and Chris Leveille (*Dame Judy Dench*). The show features Canadian Comedy Award nominee Liz Johnston (*Entrances and Exits*, *CBC Shorts*, *Sex T-Rex*, *Nikelodeon's Star Falls*), Hana Holubec (*Second City*, *BadDog*, *Comedy Bar*, and *SOCAP Theatre*) and Blood Pact Theatre's Bryce Hodgson (*iZombie*, *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, *Kill Your Parents in Viking Alberta*). Featuring music by Francis Melling (*TRUNK!*, *Hand to God*, *Wexford Plaza*) and illustrations by Mirka Loiselle (www.mirkaillustrates.com) this wacky comedy has something for everyone.