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Aristotle Zhang in association with the Toronto Fringe Festival
present the world premiere of

“SHOWSTOPPER”

by Anjun Jia

Directed by Anjun Jia

June 30 – July 10, 2026

TORONTO - Bring every narcissist you know and join us in Soulpepper Theatre's RBC Studio for a new self-made dark comedy from NYC-founded screen & theatre collective Aristotle Zhang.

At The Aristotle Zhang Studios on Tigersgate Canada's Vancouver film & television lot, self-obsessed Aster (Anjun Jia) has one month before their overall deal expires, but they haven't yet gotten the greenlight to create their absurd and personal original show. Enraged by an exec calling their solo passion project thirty years in the making a 'snoozefest', Aster loses control and accidentally gets the world's full attention before they're ready to deal with all that.

Playwright/Director/Producer/Starlet Anjun Jia has workshopped his screen and stage scripts at TIFF Next Wave, Sundance Institute Collab, Center for Cultural Power, the Upright Citizens' Brigade Theatre New York, and Bush Theatre in London, UK. He's eager to debut in his hometown of Toronto after completing a BFA in Dramatic Writing at NYU Tisch.

"I will not read your fucking screenplay."

Aristotle Zhang's *SHOWSTOPPER* is part of the 2026 Toronto Fringe Festival.

written by ANJUN JIA | directed by ANJUN JIA | produced by ANJUN JIA | starring ANJUN JIA

Performances run Tuesday June 30th (Opening) 4:00 PM, Friday July 3rd 1:00 PM, Saturday July 4th 10:15 PM, Sunday July 5th 4:15 PM, Tuesday July 7th 3:00 PM, Wednesday July 8th 6:30 PM, Thursday July 9th 8:15 PM, and Friday July 10th (Closing) 4:45 PM. **Venue:** Soulpepper Theatre's RBC Studio.

SHOWSTOPPER is rated 14A.

Tickets and info go live June 3rd at fringetoronto.com/fringe/show/showstopper, or call the TO Fringe Box Office at 416-966-1062 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Tickets for SHOWSTOPPER are priced \$14 - \$19, with Artist Rush, Kids Up Front, and press comps available. Children four and under will be admitted free.

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