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TRUNK!

Toronto Fringe Kidsfest, July 5-15 2018

Tickets \$5-\$11

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For Immediate Release: June 5, 2018 Kerploding Theatre's Award winning family musical, *TRUNK!* lands in Toronto for the Fringe Kidsfest this July. This family musical adventure has delighted audiences of all ages across Canada, winning Pick of the Fringe: Family Fest at the 2013 Victoria Fringe Festival and the Hot Ticket Award at the 2017 Halifax Fringe.

TRUNK! was devised by the original team in 2013 based on stories the company collected through workshops with kids across Canada and is fueled by kids' wild imaginations. Join Daisy, Oliver and their best friend Decision Dragon as they venture into new and fantastic worlds within their secret magical toy trunk. They meet crazy characters, conquer challenges, overcome their fears, and take on bullies to complete their quest and get home before Dad finds out. With live music, dance, puppetry, and side-splitting comedy, this is the perfect way to introduce young people to live theatre.



The team from across Canada now is now based in Toronto and is ready to become a cornerstone company for Toronto's young theatre audiences. The show is directed by Kerploding's Artistic Director Molison Farmer (*Standing on Leaves*, *Amelia and the Dwarfs*, *Daughter of Turpentine*). Farmer was an associate director for RedOne Theatre's *Divine* (Summerworks 2017) and the associate producer for *After Wrestling* (Blood Pact Theatre and Factory Theatre) and the Dora-nominated *Tough Jews* (Storefront Theatre and Spadina Avenue Gang 2017). Francis Melling is the musical director and composer (*The Forest*, *The Good Person of Szechuan*, *The Rise of Basement Boy*). He is also an actor in Film and Theatre (*Wexford Plaza*, *Man Seeking Woman*, *Kid Cannabis*) and stars as Decision Dragon, playing live music throughout the show. The set and lighting design is by Stratford Festival assistant designer Imogen Willson (Thought for Food, Sex-T Rex), and costumes are designed by Chelsea Graham who has designed films such as *Hot Water Frog Prince* (Overlook Prod) and *Ticket* (Buck Prod.) She is also a costume assistant for *Umbrella Academy* (Netflix), *The Beaverton* (BVT2), *The Next Step* (Temple Dance VI), and *The Strain IV* (Cuse Prod). The cast features the talents of Kaeden Derksen, Hannah Ehman, Haley Garnet, and Shaquille Pottinger.



"As the show ended, the mother with young children in front of me turned around and said loudly "That was amazing!" I think that's all the endorsement one needs." *The Coast Halifax*.

"The performers are all strong, and do well in their various roles to create this magical land – you can tell the show is fun to perform" - *Culture Vulture Victoria*

