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“GALEN’S GROCER” RETURNS TO TORONTO FRINGE AS AN ORIGINAL MUSICAL FOLLOWING CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED, AWARD-WINNING SOLD-OUT RUN IN 2025

Toronto, ON - April 2026 After a breakout debut at the 2025 Toronto Fringe Festival, *Galen’s Grocer* returns in July for Toronto Fringe 2026, reimagined as an original musical. Building on its critically acclaimed, award-winning, sold-out Fringe 2025 run, the creative team has transformed the hit comedy into a bold, high-energy theatrical experience. The show will have its 2026 run at **Theatre Pass Muraille Mainspace**.

Created by writer Ian Yamamoto and directed by Dave Barclay, *Galen’s Grocer* was a standout success of the 2025 festival, earning a **Toronto Star Critic’s Pick** and the **Toronto Fringe Patrons’ Pick Award**. The production also received media coverage from *Toronto Star*, *Intermission Magazine*, *inBrampton*, and *Submerging Artist*.

About the Show

Galen Easton is the most hated man in Canada. It doesn’t help that there’s CEO killer on the loose. Galen needs to improve his image fast. He’ll try by making a TV show about how hard it is to run a grocery store. In this new musical adaptation, the story unfolds through a blend of comedy and song, delivering a fast-paced, absurd, and darkly funny exploration of Galen’s journey to find love (even if it’s only on set).

Galen’s Grocer, The Musical

Presented as part of the 2026 Toronto Fringe Festival

Writer: Ian Yamamoto

Director: Dave Barclay

Original Music: James Atin

Producer: Maeve Pagan

Starring

Thomas Sharpe
Lance Oribello
Gunjan
Allison Mah
Nitin Anand
Ian Yamamoto

Show Dates / Venue

Theatre Passe Muraille Mainspace

- July 2 - 5:45 PM
- July 3 - 3:30 PM
- July 4 - 9:45 PM
- July 6 - 9:30 PM
- July 9 - 5:45 PM
- July 10 - 1:00 PM
- July 12 - 7:00 PM

More information and tickets will be available as of June 3, 2026.

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