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## LOVE, SHAKESPEARE, AND ROPE

*The Bard's sonnets, suspended in mid-air.*

**TORONTO, ON** — This July, performance troupe **Of a Feather** brings *Love, Shakespeare, and Rope* to Birdhaus as part of the 2026 Toronto Fringe Festival: a daring fusion of Elizabethan verse and Japanese-inspired acrobatic suspension rope art. Across a series of interconnected scenes drawn from Shakespeare's sonnets, performers are lifted, bound, and balanced overhead to trace love in all its tangled forms — obsessive, possessive, jealous, and tender. Part poetry, part circus, part shibari, it is an 18+ evening that is unapologetically spicy yet warmly accessible, even for newcomers to the rope arts.

The piece was created collectively by the ensemble under the co-direction of Tifereth and BH.Rope, built in the studio rather than on the page — riggers and models developing each sonnet as a living knot of bodies, weight, and trust. Of a Feather is a femme-led, Parkdale-based performance and education troupe devoted to rope performance arts, and *Love, Shakespeare, and Rope* is its most ambitious staging to date.

The company brings serious credentials to the rafters. Co-director Tifereth is an internationally recognized shibari performer, fresh from touring Jamaica and Europe, who co-owns Birdhaus itself. Co-director BH.Rope has just returned from training in Japan under the internationally renowned rope master Hajime Kinoko. They are joined by riggers Miranda Tempest, KJ, and Saba and by models Amanda Maccagnan, Caleb Ford, Vida, Stitch, and Lily — a roster that includes familiar faces from Toronto's circus scene, among them Caleb Ford, recently featured on Netflix.

Romantic, athletic, and a little dangerous, *Love, Shakespeare, and Rope* gives the Bard's most intimate verses a body — then lifts it clean off the ground.

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Lily

July 1–3 at 8:00 PM • July 4 & 5 at 2:00 PM

July 8–10 at 8:00 PM • July 11 & 12 at 2:00 PM

90 minutes incl. a 15-minute intermission • 18+

Tickets \$18.75 (incl. fees)

**Birdhaus** — 1233R Queen Street West

(venue entrance on Gwynne Avenue)

More information and tickets available as of June 3, 2026

Online at [fringetoronto.com/fringe/show/love-shakespeare-and-rope](https://fringetoronto.com/fringe/show/love-shakespeare-and-rope)

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