

BRAVA: A Cabaret of Devotions — Opera Singer Turns to Diva Anthems for an Intimate Fringe Debut

What remains when a song ends? *BRAVA: A Cabaret of Devotions* invites audiences into an intimate solo performance at Soulpepper Theatre's Kevin & Roger Garland Cabaret. Performer, writer, and professional opera singer **Yanik Gosselin** blends personal storytelling with songs made famous by legendary divas. With wit, vulnerability, and commanding vocals, this Fringe debut explores the memory of formidable women, both famous and unsung, who inspired him to sing and dream.

BRAVA grew from Yanik's ambition to expand his artistic palette beyond opera and explore a more personal style of storytelling. Inspired by Peter Allen's "Quiet Please, There's a Lady On Stage," the piece draws on Yanik's memories of artists such as Liza Minnelli, Bette Midler, and Céline Dion, alongside two beloved aunts who first introduced him to the movie *Grease*. The result is a tribute to resilience and music's ability to hold memories.

Hailed by *Opera Canada* as "a pleasure to watch and listen to," Yanik brings vocal precision and ease to the cabaret stage. Music direction and piano are by **Benjamin Kersey**, a two-time Dora Mavor Moore Award nominee, and lighting design is by **Mabel Wonnacott**. Presented by **My Fair Divas**, a production company founded by Yanik Gosselin, the show marks a new chapter for this storytelling artist.

Blending humour, heart, and unforgettable music, *BRAVA* is a love letter to the voices that shape us, and a celebration of the memories that our favourite songs can hold.

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My Fair Divas

presented as part of the 2026 Toronto Fringe Festival

written and performed by Yanik Gosselin

music direction by Benjamin Kersey

lighting design by Mabel Wonnacott

Dates/Times:

July 2 – 8:15 PM

July 3 – 3:15 PM

July 4 – 5:00 PM

July 6 – 1:00 PM

July 7 – 4:45 PM

July 9 – 6:30 PM

July 10 – 10:15 PM

July 12 – 2:00 PM

Venue: Soulpepper Theatre's Kevin & Roger Garland Cabaret (50 Tank House Lane)

More information and tickets available as of June 3, 2026

Online at <https://fringetoronto.com/fringe/show/brava-cabaret-devotions>

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