Company Bios

Franco Nguyen is a comedian and filmmaker based in Toronto and is extremely honoured to be apart of HouseCo. He is a graduate of the Second City Long Form Conservatory program and is currently completing his MFA in film and video production at York University. He is also a Tim Sims Encouragement award finalist and a Bob Curry Fellow. Franco was one of four people from the Bob Curry fellows to showcase in Chicago as part of the NBC Universal Breakout Festival. He is a proud member of the sketch troupe TallBoyz II Men. The troupe won Producer's Pick at the 2017 Toronto Sketch Comedy festival and Best Newcomers at Montreal Sketchiest 2017. Franco is also a member of the long form team Pepperoni Pizza Cats and directs and produces the sketch comedy troupe, FUSION. He is currently working on his one-person show, *Soaring in Liquid Skies* which is set to debut this summer at the Toronto Fringe Festival. The show will combine video and live performance to tell the story of his Mother returning home to rural Vietnam for the first time in 28 years.

Darrel Gamotin's most notable acting credits include Banana Boys (Factory Theatre), Waiting for Godot (Modern Times Theatre), TOUGH! (Factory Theatre), and Blue Planet (Young People's Theatre). He was also a performer, creator, and producer for the Dora-nominated production, Monday Nights, co-produced by Theatre Centre. Darrel was recently in San Francisco screening the movie WEXFORD PLAZA as part of the 35th annual CAAMFest, where it won the Comcast best narrative feature award. He plays a lead role in the film, which has played at the Torino and Slamdance film festivals. It will be screening in the LA, New York, Atlanta, Chicago and Arkansas film festivals before it screens in Toronto early this fall. SOARING IN LIQUID SKIES for the Toronto Fringe Festival 2017 marks is directing debut.