



## Press Release: Learn to Fly with *Pedro the Penguin!*

Participatory Players is proud to present *Pedro the Penguin*, a family friendly production about a young penguin who dreams of flying. Of course penguins can't fly, but Pedro's not going to let that stop him from soaring high. When opportunity arises and one of Santa's reindeer gets injured Pedro knows this is his chance. At its core, this is a story about courage, imagination, and believing in yourself – even when the odds are stacked against you. The show runs **June 30th to July 11th** at the **2026 Toronto Fringe Festival KidsFest**.

Under the direction of **Sue Miner**, *Pedro the Penguin* written by **Philip Diamond**, brings together a cast of many emerging artists including **Jon Britton**, **Philip Diamond**, **Jaiden French**, **Dale Rideout**, **Chrisevina Tsoura**, **Tim Walker**, and **Kat Zhang**. With assistant director and producer **Jacob Pittini**, stage manager and sound designer **Ember Ross**, creative and graphic design by **Shaylynn McMaster**, and choreography by **Noam Citrin**. **Lisa Davenport** and **Jaiden French** round out the team as producers.

We are proud to share this show as the inaugural production of Participatory Players; a theatre company of emergent and experienced artists committed to creating new accessible Canadian works. Whether young or old, anyone can relate to the themes of *Pedro the Penguin*, and the importance of following your dreams. Suited for ages 4-12 and beyond!!

### **Performance Details:**

**Show:** *Pedro the Penguin*

**Venue:** Young People's Theatre - Studio Theatre (165 Front St E, Toronto)

### **Dates and Showtimes:**

June 30th 5pm (preview, relaxed performance)

July 3rd 11am (pay what you choose)

July 4th 4:15pm

July 5th 4:30pm

July 7th 12:30pm

July 8th 2:45pm

July 11th 2:45pm

**More information and tickets available as of June 3, 2026**

**Online at:** <https://www.fringetoronto.com/fringe/show/pedro-penguin>

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