

TORONTO FRINGE --- FESTIVAL



Greek Mythology Meets Workplace Burnout in Toronto Fringe's "Stupid Cupid"

What if Cupid's matchmaking empire was run like the world's worst office job?

Presented at Native Earth's Aki Studio as part of the 2026 Toronto Fringe Festival, *Stupid Cupid* is a dark workplace comedy that blends Greek mythology, office politics, and a healthy dose of divine dysfunction. When Iris, Cupid's overworked assistant, is passed over for a promotion she believes she's earned, years of frustration begin to boil over. Funny, chaotic, and unexpectedly heartbreaking, the show explores burnout, ambition, workplace exploitation, and what happens when your entire identity becomes tied to your job.

Originally developed at York University's Playground Festival, *Stupid Cupid* quickly gained attention for its unique premise, sharp humour, and larger-than-life characters. The production received the festival's Merry-Go-Round Awards for Best Sound Design and "Most Likely to Get Picked Up by The CW." Since then, the creative team has continued developing the piece into a bold new Fringe production that combines mythology, social commentary, and dark comedy in equal measure.

Written by and starring Deborah Itimbien, *Stupid Cupid* places a dark-skinned Black woman at the centre of a mythological story about labour, recognition, power, and self-worth. Directed by Keya, and brought to life by a talented ensemble cast, the production features a diverse group of artists committed to creating exciting, original Canadian theatre.

Whether you've ever worked overtime for a boss who didn't appreciate you, chased a promotion that never came, or wondered why the office favourite always seems to get ahead, *Stupid Cupid* is for you. Come for the laughs, stay for the existential crisis.

Stupid Cupid

Soulprint Productions

presented as part of the 2026 Toronto Fringe Festival

Written by **Debora Itimbien**

Directed by **Keya Tambwe**

starring **Debora Itimbien, Jordan D'Amico, Marlowe B and Angeline Castrejo, featuring Nathan Anderson-Jacobs, Belle Ness Thomas, Tega Aror and Mauranda Nunes**

Lighting design by **Devansh Shah**

Set design by **Rachel Trask**

Sound Design by **Amber Bean**

Costume design by **Gabe Woo**

Venue: Native Earth's Aki Studio

Dates and times

2nd July 6:30pm

3rd July 12:30pm

4th July 10:00pm

7th July 5:15pm

8th July 2:00pm

9th July 4:15pm

10th July 7:45pm

More information and tickets available as of June 3, 2026

Online at <https://fringetoronto.com/fringe/show/stupid-cupid>

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