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Aliya Kanani Presents *A Comedian's Guide to Enlightenment* — A Deeply Funny Journey Through Modern Life

In a world overwhelmed by division, doomscrolling, and endless noise, comedian Aliya Kanani is offering something radically simple: laughter, reflection, and genuine human connection — a reminder of the kind of world we still want to create together.

Award-winning comedian and Canadian Screen Award-nominated actor Kanani returns with *Aliya Kanani: A Comedian's Guide to Enlightenment* — a bold new solo comedy experience that blends stand-up, storytelling, self-reflection, and unexpected moments of collective connection into one unforgettable night where comedy meets theatre.

At a time when the world feels increasingly divided, overwhelmed, and disconnected, Kanani is using comedy as a way to bring people back together. Through sharp observational humor, deeply personal stories, and playful audience interaction, she explores the chaos of modern existence: the search for meaning, the pressure to “heal,” the absurdity of influence, and the very human struggle of trying to become a better person while still wanting wine, validation, and a good bargain.

Following the success of her previous acclaimed solo work, Kanani's newest show marks a creative evolution — moving beyond traditional stand-up into a more immersive theatrical experience that invites audiences not only to laugh, but to reflect.

Part comedy show, part existential crisis, part communal release (that last part wasn't meant to sound sexual), *A Comedian's Guide to Enlightenment* asks big questions without taking itself too seriously. Inspired by Kanani's travels, meditation studies, wellness culture, and the wisdom passed from person to person through conversation and shared experience, the show balances levity with emotional honesty in a way that feels both deeply personal and universally relatable.

“What makes comedy so special, to me, is that it raises good vibes while disarming people,” says Kanani. “Once we're laughing together, we become more open — to each other, to ourselves, and to conversations we might normally avoid. And in a world full of noise and division, there's something powerfully honest about gathering in a room and discovering what people genuinely connect over through laughter. Turns out, most of us are on the same page.”

Known for her charismatic stage presence and emotionally intelligent storytelling, Kanani takes audiences on a wildly funny ride through spirituality, moral conundrums, relationships, identity, consumerism, and the endless pursuit of becoming “better.” The show even features a guided

meditation midway through the performance — an unexpected and memorable moment that transforms the audience from passive spectators into participants in a shared experience.

At its core, *A Comedian's Guide to Enlightenment* is about hope. It is a reminder that despite our differences, confusion, contradictions, and flaws, people still crave connection — and laughter remains one of the few universal languages capable of bringing us together.

Kanani's previous work earned critical acclaim and audience praise for its warmth, vulnerability, and originality, with reviewers calling her work:

"Comical wisdom." — *Fourth Wall Media*

"Have your funny bone tickled, your mind educated and your heart touched." — *Apartment613*

"Seriously funny." — *Orlando Sentinel*

With *A Comedian's Guide to Enlightenment*, Kanani continues to carve out a unique space in contemporary comedy: one where audiences can laugh hard, think deeply, and leave feeling just a little lighter than when they arrived.

ABOUT ALIYA KANANI

Aliya Kanani is an award-winning comedian, writer, and Canadian Screen Award-nominated actor known for blending sharp comedy with vulnerability, insight, and uplifting storytelling. Performing internationally across major comedy festivals and theatres, Kanani has built a reputation for creating work that is both deeply funny and emotionally resonant. Her comedy explores identity, culture, healing, relationships, and the beautiful absurdity of being human.

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Sun 5th Jul 2026, 6:00 pm

Mon 6th Jul 2026, 6:15 pm

Thu 9th Jul 2026, 3:00 pm

Fri 10th Jul 2026, 2:30 pm

Sun 12th Jul 2026, 1:00 pm