

Dive Bar Theatre in association with **The Toronto Fringe Festival** presents

Lighters in the Air

A new indie rock musical by Kris Hagen

Having recently appeared in *Imposters* on Bravo, *In Contempt* on BET, and in the recurring role of "Sketchy-Looking Dude" on CBC's *Kim's Convenience*, Just For Laughs Comedy Award nominee **Kris Hagen** trades in screen time for a chance to bring his original music, writing and direction to the stage in *Lighters in the Air*.

A musician named Leo returns to his former hangout, The Empty, a dive bar where the mic is always open. With the help of old friends, a lost love, and The Empty's newest off-beat barflies, Leo rediscovers his passion for the music he left behind. A play about artistic integrity, unfulfilled expectations, and an uncertain future.

Lighters in the Air will feature original songs by Hagen as well as **nightly guest performances** by some of the brightest talent in the Toronto music and comedy scenes, including **Laura Tremblay** (*Jukebox Hero: The Musical*; Stage West Calgary's *Legally Blonde: The Musical*), **Ben Beauchemin** (*Kim's Convenience*, *Saving Hope*), **Ted Morris** (Yuk Yuk's, Just for Laughs, Sirius XM), and more!

July 4-15 at The Monarch Tavern (12 Clinton St.)

Playwright/Director: **Kris Hagen**

Assistant Directors: **Steven Holmberg & Kristen MacCulloch** | Associate Producer: **Laura Tremblay**

Stage Manager: **Laura Moniz** | Set & Costume Designer: **Sarah Delignies**

Starring

Natalia Bushnik (*The Bathtub Girls*, kairos collective)

Belinda Corpuz (*Prairie Nurse*, Factory Theatre; solo EP *All I Am*)

Cody Crain (Canadian Comedy Award nomination, Best Comedy Podcast)

Anna Douglas (*Saving Hope*; Tennessee State Thespian Award;
LA Weekly Award for Best Female Comedy Performance)

Raechel Fisher (*Hamlet*, *All's Well That Ends Well*, Canadian Stage)

Kris Hagen (*Kim's Convenience*; 2012 Just For Laughs Best Comedy Award nomination)

Olaf Sham (Second City Toronto Conservatory)

Amanda Silcoff (*Trap Door*, *If/Then*, *Kiss me, Kate*, Sheridan College)

Taylor Whittaker (UKAE, CBC's *Crawford*)

Performance schedule: Wednesday, July 4 - 8pm; Thursday, July 5 - 8pm; Friday, July 6 - 6pm;
Saturday, July 7 - 7pm; Sunday, July 8 - 7pm; Tuesday, July 10 - 8pm; Wednesday, July 11 - 6pm;
Thursday, July 12 - 6pm; Friday, July 13 - 7pm; Saturday, July 14 - 3pm; Sunday, July 15 - 7pm

Tickets: \$13 in advance or \$11 at the door | On sale online or by phone as of June 7, 2018
Purchase online: fringetoronto.com | By phone: 416-966-1062 | In person during the festival: Box Office at
The Fringe Club at Scadding Court Community Centre (707 Dundas St. W.)