

CLEAR GLASS PRODUCTIONS

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32 SHORT SKETCHES ABOUT BEES

SHOW SYNOPSIS

Clear Glass Productions is proud to bring you some of the city's most hilarious performers in a Toronto Fringe Festival original production "**32 Short Sketches About Bees**", a sketch comedy revue that might actually *bee* impossible. These comedians, along with their friends and collaborators Claire Farmer and Paul Bates, have been writing a new show that explores all sorts of bees, honey to Arthur. First came the title, a concept borrowed from "32 Short Films about Glen Gould." Could the same concept be lent to a comedy show? And could that concept be achieved in under an hour? And could it be about bees? This show will be a race against time, packed with laughs and unexpected parallels. It will make you think, while you laugh and desperately try to keep count.

Clear Glass Productions' "32 Short Sketches About Bees" is in the capable hands of director Paul Bates. A veteran of Toronto comedy stages, Paul has written and performed in six revues at The Second City, most recently directing Second City's acclaimed main stage revue Click Bait & Switch. He's won numerous Canadian Comedy Awards, and received NOW Magazine's 2013 Reader's Choice Award for Best Male Improviser. Bates' skill and timing will be on display for all 32 sketches, as his direction pulls them together into an ecosystem of comedy.

"32 Short Sketches About Bees" is made up of 6 performers: Andrew Bushell, Leigh Cameron, Jessica Greco, Shannon Lahaie, Chris Leveille and Cameron Wyllie. Made up of a MyTheatre Award winner, Canadian Comedy Award Nominees, and a Second City Main Stage Alumnus, this troupe has come together to form a swarm of comedic talent, ready to be set loose on The Toronto Fringe Festival.

"32 Short Sketches About Bees" will challenge the audience to look beyond the obvious puns and see the big, funny, brilliant picture. After all, bees are essential to the survival of the human race. And as it turns out, they're also hilarious.

Press photos and more information available here:

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