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## **Award-Winning Sketch Comedy Troupe TALLBOYZ II MEN Make Toronto Fringe Festival DEBUT!**

**TallBoyz II Men** is a diverse group of comedians being diverse diversely. Measuring in at a whopping 25'2" (collectively), this troupe aims to take sketch comedy to new heights! **TallBoyz II Men** make their **Toronto Fringe Festival** debut with their hard-hitting, hilariously insightful, full length sketch comedy revue: "**A 6IX NNNNNN Revue**"!

In 2017 the troupe won **Producers' Pick** at the **Toronto Sketch Comedy Festival**, **Best Newcomer** at the **Montreal Sketchfest**, and were selected to perform at the Big City Improv Festival and OFF-JFL. This year the Boyz returned to the **Toronto Sketch Comedy Festival** to win **Most Outstanding Short** and were personally selected by Kids in the Halls' Bruce McCulloch to be his opener. They continued their winning streak in their return to the **Montreal Sketchfest** by being crowned this years' "**Best of the Fest**".

Individually they've also had amazing years. **TIM BLAIR** returns to the Fringe after playing Winston Zeddemore in last year's festival favourite **SHAKESPEARE'S GHOSTBUSTERS**. **FRANCO NGUYEN** comes back after his critically-acclaimed, sold-out show **GOOD MORNING VIET MOM**. **VANCE BANZO** recently made his feature film debut with **INDIAN HORSE**, executive produced by **CLINT EASTWOOD**. **GULED ABDI** will be there too.

Nothing is off limits or out of reach. Count on these four "Boyz" to tell it like it is, unapologetically.

### **TALLBOYZ II MEN**

In association with **The Toronto Fringe Festival** presents

#### **"A 6IX NNNNNN REVUE"**

Written and Performed by Guled Abdi, Vance Banzo, Tim Blair, Franco Nguyen

Mentored by: Mark Andrada

Stage Managed by: Andrea Miller

Opens July 4th and runs to July 14th  
at Helen Gardiner Phelan Playhouse

79A Saint George St

Toronto, Ontario M5S 3L8

#### **PERFORMANCES:**

July 4 10:00pm

July 6 8:45pm

July 8 8:00pm

July 11 1:45pm

July 12 5:45pm

July 13 12:00pm

July 14 3:30pm

**Please note there is absolutely no latecomer seating**

**Tickets go on Sale:** June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Purchase online: [fringetoronto.com](http://fringetoronto.com)

By Phone: 416-966-1062

Person: During the festival at our main box office at the Fringe patio at Scadding Court – 707 Dundas Street West.

#### **ABOUT TALLBOYZ II MEN**

TallBoyz II Men is a multi-award winning sketch troupe made up of **Tim Blair** (NBC Break Out Comedy Fest, JFL42, The Sketchersons), **Vance Banzo** (TIFF, OFF-JFL, Beaverton), **Franco Nguyen** (NBC Break Out Comedy Fest, StandUp NBC, Second City EdCo.) and **Guled Abdi** (Tallest member of TallBoyz II Men). The Troupe formed after the boyz met each other through the Toronto stand-up comedy scene and agreed to combine forces for the greater good. When they're not performing sketch, improv, or generally raising some hell: you can catch the boyz playing a mean game of hacky sack!

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