

## Press Release – Final Exam

Holy Cow Entertainment presents Final Exam, which is part of the 2018 Toronto Fringe Festival. This site-specific show puts the audience in a classroom, right at the centre of the action. As the play begins, the students seem equally concerned over their upcoming exams and the impending arrival of aliens and subsequent joining up into their Hive Mind. The primary issue being addressed by the plot is the loss of privacy in contemporary society, accelerated by the actions of internet giants, such as Facebook, Google and even Amazon. The students and their teacher, Mr. Miller, debate these issues at a fairly abstract level until one of the Visitors turns up well ahead of schedule, forcing the students to directly face their uncertain future.

Final Exam is one of six site-specific shows outside the downtown core. This is part of an exciting initiative where the Fringe has committed to bringing the Fringe into neighbourhoods outside downtown for the first time. Final Exam and two other shows are east of the Don Valley in the Riverside, South Riverdale and Danforth neighbourhoods. Final Exam plays at Matty Eckler Recreation Centre, 953 Gerrard St. E, from July 5-7 and 11-15. The show times are 7 pm on weekdays and 4 pm on Saturdays. The July 5 show is a preview performance.

Final Exam is written by Eric Petersen and directed by Gillian Armstrong. The cast is Veronica Choi (Britney), Elizabeth Rose Morriss (Ms. Renard), Sanjay Pavone (Stephen), Kendall Petersen (the Visitor), Phil Rickaby (Mr. Miller), Brandon Schamerhorn (Colin) and Tahlia Zaloski (Christine). Frequent updates about the show are posted on the show's Twitter page: @FinalExamTO

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