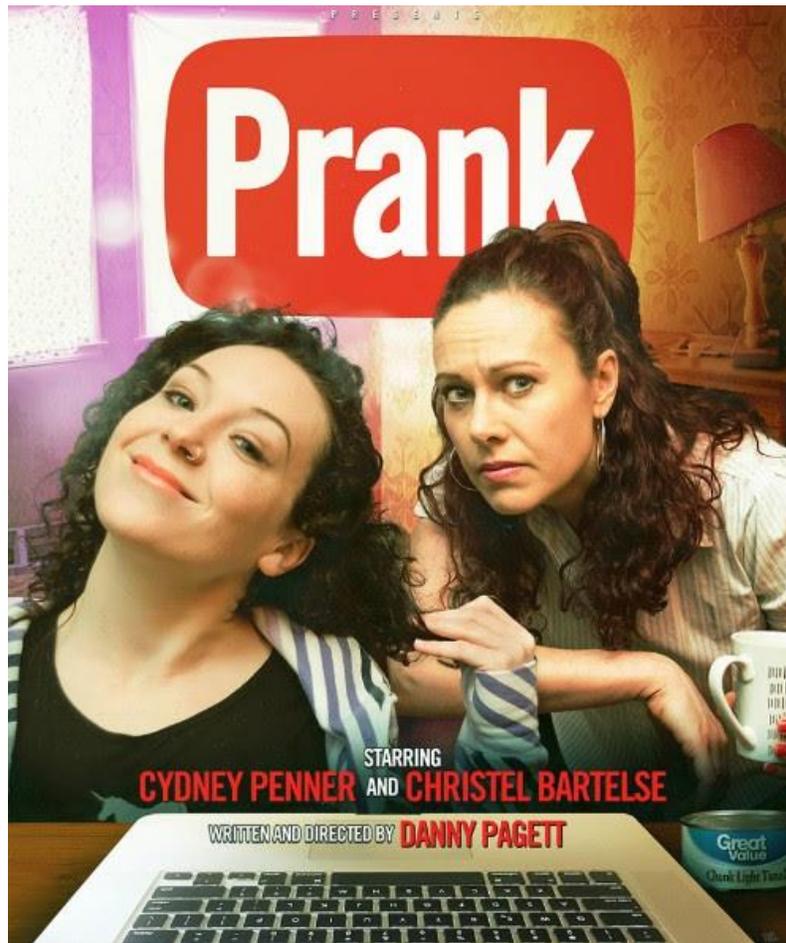


**World premiere: Thundermind Theatre along with
DutchGirl Productions Presents
a Darkly Comedic Play About the Gold Rush for Internet Fame...**



(TORONTO, ON -- June 6, 2018) From Danny Pagett, the writer of indie hits *Cloud* and *Homewrecker*, comes the 2018 Toronto Fringe production *Prank*, a new black comedy loosely based on YouTube star [DaddyOfFive](#), whose extreme pranks led to him losing custody of his children.

Prank stars Cydney Penner (*BLOOM*, *Antigone in Antigone*), and four-time Canadian Comedy Award nominee and Fringe Favourite Christel Bartelse (*CHAOTICA*, *ONEymoon*, *Significant Me*, *All KIDDing Aside*), who also serves as producer. "I was immediately drawn to not just the subject matter, but the way *Prank* is presented," notes Bartelse. "I was also a huge fan of Pagett's work, and was excited to star in one of his productions. It's refreshing to perform in a smart all-female show that has nothing to do with men or bad relationships."

[High-rez photos](#)

Prank explores the dangers of desperately seeking fame at any cost, and how over-the-top online behaviour can be your downfall. "Many YouTube celebrities earn their living by commodifying outrage, which comes at a huge risk," explains Pagett. "It can either rocket them to fame or completely ruin them."

Darkly comedic elements aside, *Prank* carries a hopeful outlook on our ability to transcend our baser selves. "I like to think good things can come from even the worst situations," Pagett says. "And that we're resilient enough to get past them and become better people in the process."

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Thundermind Theatre in association with DutchGirl Productions present...

Prank at the Toronto Fringe Festival
Written and Directed by Danny Pagett
Starring Christel Bartelse & Cydney Penner

Tarragon Theatre Extra Space

[30 Bridgman Ave, Toronto](#)

Tickets \$11 at the door or at [FringeToronto.com](#)

Show runs 60 minutes

July 6 at 5pm July 7 at 9pm July 9 at 10pm
July 10 at 2:45pm July 12 at 7:45pm July 14 at 5:30pm
July 15 at 2pm

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