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BROKEN ENGLISH THEATRE PRESENTS

BOX

BY JOEL PETTIGREW

TWO GUARDS. ONE BOX. NO CLUE!

BOX — an outrageously ridiculous and thought-provoking satire about two security guards and the meaning of work — will keep you guessing on the edge of your seat. Featuring a multicultural cast of dedicated artists including local TV celebrity and award-winning singer-songwriter Arlene Paculan. So what's in the box? Come and see! **BOX** plays

July 3-14 at St. Vladimir Institute Theatre as part of the 2019 Toronto Fringe Festival. Tickets are available via fringetoronto.com, by phone at 416-966-1062, or at the door.

From visionary playwright and director **Joel Pettigrew** (*Waking*, Toronto Fringe 2016; *The Girl in the Photograph*, Toronto Fringe 2018; *Mercury Man*, Winnipeg Fringe 2018), comes a new, provocative satire. Journey into the absurd world of **BOX**, a witty, energetic and sincere glance at the meaning of work and duty. Peppered generously with delightful comedy and thoughtful introspection about the monotony of our daily lives, **BOX** asks what doing a job means to us. We all must work to live, but should we live to work? **BOX** explores this conundrum with sharp wit and insight into the complexities of human attitude towards the workplace. The play sheds light on questions we all ask ourselves, especially during particularly tedious times: What is all this for? Am I important? Why am I doing this?

The guards are played by Fringe veteran and executive producer **Lucas James** (*Waking*) and commercial/special skills actor **Justin Styles**. Joining them onstage are **Thomas Sarigiannidis** (*Waking*; *The Girl in the Photograph*) as the mysteriously named "One" and local actress and celebrity **Arlene Paculan** (2019 MARTY award winner; 2018 Best Pop Artist Mississauga Music Award; Host of *Striving Artist* on Filipino TV) as the equally enigmatic "Two". Playwright/Director **Joel Pettigrew** has been telling "outside-the-box" stories across Canada for over a decade. Production Designer **Chris Coxson** (Alumnae Theater, Heritage Theatre - Brampton, Toronto Fringe, Winnipeg Fringe) works extensively in Design for film, video, television, and live stage productions.

BOX is **Broken English Theatre's** inaugural production, but it brings together experienced friends and collaborators with a deep commitment to good stories told well.

SHOW INFO for **BOX**:

Venue: **St. Vladimir Institute Theatre**, 620 Spadina Ave, Toronto

Dates & Times:	Wed 3 July @ 6:00pm	Mon 8 July @ 10:00pm	Sat 13 July @ 4:15pm
	Fri 5 July @ 2:15pm	Wed 10 July @ 6:15pm	Sun 14 July @ 1:00pm
	Sun 7 July @ 8:00pm		

Tickets: **\$11** (+ \$2 service fee) via fringetoronto.com, by phone at 416-966-1062, or at the door. Tickets may also be purchased during the festival at POSTSCRIPT, (the patio at the Toronto Fringe), located in the Hockey Rink at 275 Bathurst Street. Advance Tickets on credit card have an additional \$3 payment processing fee. Running time is **80** minutes. ****Please note, absolutely no latecomers will be admitted****