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SWALLOWED WHOLE *An Irrelephant Production*

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Toronto, Ontario: Irrelephant is proud to present its first staged sketch comedy production! "Swallowed Whole" at the 2019 Toronto Fringe Festival is a collection of sketches from the mind of surreal artist Rachel Parry, premiering Friday July 5th and running through til Sunday July 14th at the Helen Gardiner Phelan Playhouse. We are extremely pleased to be providing full ASL and Deaf Interpretation on our Monday July 8th show.

Swallowed Whole features a collection of relatable (and occasionally hateable) characters inspired by actual human people as well as stereotypes and tropes that are in abundance in society today. Rachel (and, later Chris O'Bray) spent some time in 2018 working with writer/producer Bruce Hunter in developing various comedic stories, a few of which have evolved into these sketches. About the process of writing "Swallowed Whole" Rachel says "The writing experience, at least for this show, was like screaming long into Nietzsche's abyss until it screamed back into me."

Rachel Parry is an accomplished visual artist in the realm of acrylic on canvas. Her work has been displayed in galleries, cafes, bars, and in people's personal collections all over Toronto. Chris O'Bray is a film/TV and theatre actor who has appeared in CBS's "Star Trek: Discovery" and on stage as Ash in "Evil Dead: the Musical" at Mansfield's Cabaret in Oshawa - a 3 month run that goes down as Oshawa's longest-running musical! Carly Telford is a Toronto-based award-winning director ("Beard Cover" TO Short 2019) and actor. Raechel Fisher is a lover of theatre, music and above all else, a nice hearty slice of her mom's pecan pie.

Irrelephant Productions in association with
The Toronto Fringe Festival presents
Swallowed Whole by Rachel Parry
With Chris O'Bray, Carly Telford and Raechel Fisher
Stage Managed by Jennifer Vieno

Fri Jul 5, 8:15pm
Sun Jul 7, 1:15pm
Mon Jul 8 6pm*
Wed Jul 10 10:30pm

Thur Jul 11 5pm
Sat Jul 13 6:45pm
Sun Jul 14 8pm

****ASL Interpreted
Performance***

Venue: Helen Gardiner Phelan Playhouse
79 St. George Street, Toronto ON
Accessible venue. ***No latecomers! Ever! Really!***

\$11+\$2 service chg.

Tickets: Online and by phone as of June 6: fringetoronto.com or 416-966-1062
In Person: During the festival at POSTSCRIPT, the patio at the Toronto Fringe.
Located in the Hockey Rink at 275 Bathurst Street (Dundas & Bathurst).

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