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## *MayLouise*

### **A drunk, a playwright and a painter walk into a bar...**

When May receives a letter in the mail about an inheritance, things for her and her wife, Louise, seem less jagged. But when May's estranged alcoholic mother shows up at their door, what should have been a blessing becomes a hot, sweaty, drunken nightmare as their studio apartment quickly turns into a pressure cooker. Premiering at Alumnae Theatre, tempers flare in this battle royale between mothers, daughters and in laws.

The concept of MayLouise stems from the playwright, Shannon Farrell's, own relationship with her mother, and growing up gay in a toxic household. Using comedy, Shannon finds ways to illuminate the good and the bad of being raised by an alcoholic.

The premiere of MayLouise stars Janis Boase, Valerie Carrier and Alexandra Milne.

MayLouise is a play about relationships of all kind and, how and why we choose to forgive those who have deeply hurt us.

#### ***MayLouise***

#### **Start The Riot Theatre**

*presented as part of the 2026 Toronto Fringe Festival*

written by Shannon Farrell  
directed by Collette Radau  
starring Janis Boase, Valerie Carrier and Alexandra Milne.  
lighting design by Rian Train  
Costumes by Alex Vermey  
Set design by Lauren Ishak  
Sound Design by Shannon Farrell

**Thursday July 2nd 5:45pm**

**Saturday June 4th 5:30pm**

**Sunday July 5th 9:15pm**

**Tuesday July 7th 5:45pm**

**Wednesday July 8th 7:30pm**

**Friday July 10th 4:30pm**

**Sunday July 12th 2:00pm**

**Alumnae Theatre MainStage**

**More information and tickets available as of June 3, 2026**

Online at <https://fringetoronto.com/fringe/show/may-louise>

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