



**The relationship is over. The conversation isn't.
EX-Change of Words makes a daring world premiere
at the 2026 Toronto Fringe.**

Goldenberg Productions, in partnership with Vita Bella Entertainment (Paulina Luciani and Zachary Mansfield) and Danny Sylvan Productions, present *EX-Change of Words*, a provocative and bold new Toronto play making its world premiere at Soulpepper Theatre's RBC Finance Studio, as part of the 2026 Toronto Fringe. Set in Toronto and rooted in contemporary queer experiences, the play explores the messy realities of modern relationships, asking a deceptively simple question: Can exes truly remain friends?

Through sharp dialogue, emotional honesty, and moments of humour and heartbreak, *EX-Change of Words* examines the complexities of love after romance ends. The story challenges audiences to consider what remains when a relationship changes form.

The play is written by Danny Sylvan, who will be treading the boards as the character of Derrick, with Ryan Kelly playing opposite as Curtis. Ryan Kelly is a veteran of the stage and screen having been seen across North American stages, including a stint Off-Broadway, and on our screens in projects such as *Murdoch Mysteries*, *Saving Hope*, and *Queer as Folk*. Danny Sylvan is a theatre producer, director, playwright, and is dusting off his acting shoes to bring the character of Derrick to life in this production. He studied Theatre and Performance at York University, with a specific study in the field of playwriting and new play dramaturgy.

Along with **Danny Sylvan**, the producing team includes Brian Goldenberg (Goldenberg Productions) and Paulina Luciani and Zachary Mansfield (Vita Bella Entertainment). **Goldenberg Productions** is a theatrical development, production, licensing and touring company founded by **Brian Goldenberg**. Goldenberg Productions produces a roster of musical documentary concert shows, taking you inside the lives of the greatest composers of Broadway and Hollywood, including: *Any Dream Will Do: The Music of Andrew Lloyd Webber*, *A Whole New World: The Musical Magic of Alan Menken*, *Over the Rainbow: The Harold Arlen Story* and *The Sweetest Sounds: The Richard Rodgers Legacy*. **Vita Bella Entertainment** was launched in 2025, the brainchild of real-life (soon-to-be-married) partners, **Paulina Luciani** and **Zachary Mansfield**, to revive the musical phenomenon of Confidential Musical Theatre Project, and to sustainably grow into a producer and presenter of alternative commercial offerings to Toronto. **Luciani** is an award-winning actress of screen and stage, having recently been seen in the feature film *All Is Fine in '89* (now streaming on Prime Video and Tubi), and originated the role of Eleven in the Canadian premiere of the hit Off-Broadway parody musical *Stranger Sings!* Paulina is also an accomplished

content creator who has worked with Toronto institutions like Luminato Festival, Tafelmusik, and Young People's Theatre. Luciani worked with Samora Smallwood to promote the television mini-series *Coming Home* - now streaming on Bell TV, (2026 Canadian Screen Awards nominee). **Mansfield** is a producer and promoter of theatre, music, dance, and special live events across Toronto and Canada. He has worked alongside internationally renowned magicians Penn & Teller, Oscar and Grammy winner A.R. Rahman, rock legend Chubby Checker, Canadian guitarist Pavlo, Tony-nominee Louise Pitre, and Gordon Lightfoot's original band. He has produced Toronto presentations of Geoff Sobelle's HOME (Luminato Festival 2024 - Dora Nominee For Best Touring Production), Ronnie Burkett's WONDERFUL JOE (Jane Mallett Theatre, 2024), Scott Joplin's TREEMONISHA (TO Live/Luminato 2023), the 2023 appearances of the Australian Chamber Orchestra, Dream House Quartet, and the various film with orchestra concerts at Meridian Hall.

Funny, provocative, and emotionally honest, *EX-Change of Words* is not to be missed if you've ever wondered if *you* could have stayed friends with a former flame.

EX-Change of Words

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presented as part of the 2026 Toronto Fringe Festival

written by and featuring Danny Sylvan

featuring Ryan Kelly

Stage Managed by Shania Mendes

Lighting design by Hussein Esmail

Sound design by Zachary Mansfield

Social Media Management by Alyssa Curto

Intimacy Direction by Kristen Pepper

Dramaturgy by Collette Radau & Pasha McKenley

Producers: Danny Sylvan, Paulina Luciani, Zachary Mansfield, Brian Goldenberg

2nd July

4:45pm

3rd July

3:00pm

4th July

3:00pm

Relaxed Performance

Pick-Your-Price/Pay-What-You-Can Tickets

6th July

1:00pm

7th July

10:15pm

8th July

8:15pm

11th July

4:45pm

At Soulpepper Theatre's RBC Finance Studio

More information and tickets available as of June 3, 2026

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