(TORONTO) — **Nerves**, Toronto playwright **Brianna Love**'s newest play, a story of love, family, and dignity, will premiere at the 2019 Toronto Fringe Festival, with award winning director **Rona Waddington**.

After the sudden death of her grandfather, Alex brings her mother, Cheryl, from the family farm to live with her in Toronto. Both women struggle with the new dynamic of their relationship, and Alex finds juggling work, her new relationship with her co-worker Mike, and her mother too much to handle.

Nerves is a story of mother/daughter relationships, love, family, and dignity— and a reminder that if a woman with a cane says she doesn't want your help climbing the streetcar steps, she doesn't want your help.

Based on the playwright's personal experiences of growing up in rural Ontario raised by a single mother with multiple sclerosis before moving to a city and having her own brush with chronic illness.

Helming this production is director Rona Waddington. Her directing credits range at major theatres across Canada and Europe, including time spent as the Artistic Director at St Lawrence Shakespeare Festival, Port Stanley Festival Theatre, and the Lunchbox Theatre in Calgary. In leading this production Rona brings a wealth of experience, and passion for new Canadian works.

NERVES

Written by Brianna Love

Directed by Rona Waddington

Starring: René Escobar Jr, Brianna Love, Trish O'Reilly-Brennan

Stage Manager: Zoë Ruth Fairless

WHERE

Streetcar Crowsnest Scotiabank Studio, 345 Carlaw Ave, Toronto, ON M4M 2T1

WHEN

Toronto Fringe Festival July 3-14

Jul 4 8:30pm (Opening)

Jul 6 5:00pm (Relaxed Performance)

Jul 7 1:30pm

Jul 9 9:45pm

Jul 10 7:30pm

Jul 12 9:30pm

Jul 14 6:00pm (Closing)

MEDIA NOTES

For interviews and more information, contact Brianna Love, nervestheplay@gmail.com 416-530-0080

Possible interview languages: All members of the company: English

René Escobar Jr- Actor: Spanish Rona Waddington- Director: French