

D & M C R E A T I V E

REEFER MADNESS: ORIGINS

CANNABIS LEGALIZATION IS HERE – WHY WAS IT MADE ILLEGAL IN THE FIRST PLACE?

Reefer Madness: Origins is a drama by D&M Creative that artistically tackles the deceitful and racist origins of cannabis prohibition. With the Canadian legalization of cannabis beginning last October, the question still remains... why did cannabis become illegal in the first place? We are providing this answer through a narrative that exposes the cannabis propaganda era of the 1930s/40s, following Harry Anslinger, the U.S Federal Commissioner of Narcotics and his mission to destroy the cannabis plant at all costs.

Since the beginning of cannabis prohibition we've arrested countless people, often people of colour, and thrown them in jail with dangerous criminals. We've torn apart families, taking away custody of children, shooting individuals and dogs in raids, preventing individuals from going to school, travelling, getting a job, credit, and housing. The stigma has been so bad that we've even withheld critical cannabis medication from sick kids. Stigma bad enough to lead us to destroy the lives of innocent children can only be described as *reefer madness*.

D&M Creative hosts multicultural talent from current and graduated Ryerson and UofT students amongst many other talented and experienced artists. We hope to alleviate social stigma through the arts for the sake of medical aid & research, harm reduction services, and amnesty.

D&M CREATIVE, in association with **The Toronto Fringe Festival** Presents: "*Reefer Madness: Origins*"

Created by Dana Carrabon and Mehdi Sidali

Directed by Andrea Pestana

Starring: Dana Carrabon, Koldin Collie, Ezera Beyenne, Juan Otero, Liam Kinahan, Nicole Moller, David Wilson, Greg Hertel

Stage Managed by Patrick Lynn and Aslı Özüak

Website: www.dandm.live

OPENS Wednesday July 3rd – Saturday July 13th

Location: Tarragon Theatre, 30 Bridgman Ave, Toronto, ON M5R 1X3

NOTE: There is absolutely no latecomer seating.

TICKETS: Purchase online – www.fringetoronto.com

Phone: 416-966-1062

In Person: During the festival at POSTSCRIPT, the Fringe patio located in the Hockey Rink at 275 Bathurst Street (Dundas/Bathurst)

PERFORMANCES

- Wed 3rd July 10:15 pm
- Fri 5th July 2:30 pm
- Sun 7th July 8:15 pm
- Mon 8th July 4:45 pm
- Tue 9th July 5:45 pm
- Fri 12th July 9:15 pm
- Sat 13th July 2:15 pm

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