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Pucker's with Parlous Theatre presents

# **OOGA CHAKA**

By **Ethan Zuchkan**

Directed by 郝邦宇 **Steven Hao**

Featuring **Ben Yoganathan, Rachel Cucheron, Nick Eddie, Kole Durnford, Ben Kopp, Margot Greve, Ruaridh MacDonald**

**Toronto, ON** — From the teams at **Pucker's** and **Parlous Theatre** comes **OOGA CHAKA**, a prehistoric comedic satire about the accidental invention of theatre, written by Ethan Zuchkan. The production premieres at the **Toronto Fringe Festival**, running **June 30th to July 12th** at the **Michael Young Theatre** at Soulpepper, with **opening night on July 2nd at 6:15pm**.

Since the dawn of time, humans have searched for new ways to express themselves. Meet Bungu and Kiki, two prehistoric cave painters who make a groundbreaking discovery: how to take their stories off the cave wall.

*OOGA CHAKA* is a 100% historically questionable retelling of the world's first theatre makers as they sharpen their sticks, refine their scripts, and discover THE ARTIST'S WAY. But beneath the faux fur, rocks, and unbridled ambition, it's really a show about art, ego, collaboration, and the deeply human need to create something meaningful — while also not taking any of it too seriously.



Equal parts ridiculous, heartfelt, and fully committed to the bit, *OOGA CHAKA* asks the big questions: What if the first-ever artists were complete idiots? And what if they were also geniuses? And honestly... are we that much different now?

## **OOGA CHAKA**

June 30th - July 12th, 2026 (Full Schedule Below)

Opening Night, Thursday July 2nd at 6:15pm

Michael Young Theatre, Soulpepper, 50 Tank House Lane,

Tickets: Pick-Your-Price (Opening Night, minimum \$10) or \$15.25 + fees

Box Office: <https://fringetoronto.com/fringe/show/ooga-chaka>

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## **OOGA CHAKA**

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Performers: **Ben Yoganathan, Rachel Cucheron, Nick Eddie, Kole Durnford, Ben Kopp, Margot Greve, Ruaridh MacDonald**

**OOGA CHAKA** runs 60 minutes with no intermission.

**Showtimes** are

Thursday, July 2nd at 6:15 PM (*Opening*)

Saturday, July 4th at 8:00 PM

Sunday, July 5th at 2:15 PM

Monday, July 6th at 9:30 PM

Thursday, July 9th at 2:30 PM

Friday, July 10th at 8:30 PM

Saturday, July 11th at 10:00 PM

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