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**JackieTol Productions**  
presents  
**ABOVE & BEYOND**  
at the **2019 Toronto Fringe Festival!**



*"Welcome to Bright Star Tours! How can we make YOUR students shine today?"*

Written by **Jaclyn Toledano**  
Directed by **Rebecca Ballarin**  
Produced by **Angela Sun** and **Jaclyn Toledano**

Starring  
**Tatyana Mitchell, Natasha Ramondino, Rabiya Mansoor, Felix Beauchamp,**  
**Francis Masaba, and Andrea Irwin**

Stage Managed by **Gloria Mok**  
Set and Costume Design by **Jules Mendoza**  
Lighting Design by **Sharmylae Taffe-Fletcher**  
Sound Design by **Frank Incer**  
Intimacy Choreography by **Leslie McBay**

**ABOVE & BEYOND** is a light-hearted office comedy about that job you love to hate. In this sketch comedy-esque show, BFFs Jamie and Nicole will have to outshine macho coworkers and navigate office politics just to sell enough educational "travel experiences" to unimpressed teachers across the city. Will they survive their dead-end job and persevere against every millennial's worst nightmare, or drown under a pile of unread emails? Beyond the laughs,

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*Above & Beyond* also casts a satirical eye on the economic reality facing today's young workers and gendered power dynamics in the workplace.

We are so excited to announce that our show will be created by a diverse team of talented and acclaimed Toronto emerging artists including: **Rebecca Ballarin** (*Hedwig and the Angry Inch*, Hart House Theatre), **Gloria Mok** (*Yellow Rabbit*, Soupepper/ Silk Bath Collective), **Angela Sun** (*Body Break X*, xLq/ TPM), **Tatyana Mitchell** (*School Girls; Or, the African Mean Girls Play*, Obsidian/ Nightwood), **Natasha Ramondino** (*A Bear Awake in Winter*, Binocular Theatre/ Next Stage), **Rabiya Mansoor** (*FUSION Comedy*, Montreal/ Toronto Sketch Fests), **Felix Beauchamp** (*Le Soulier*, Théâtre la Seizième), **Francis Masaba** (*The Shell*, UTSC), **Andrea Irwin** (*Much Ado About Nothing*, Dauntless City Theatre), **Jules Mendoza** (*Overminded*, UofT CDTP), **Sharmylae Taffe-Fletcher** (*Welcome to My Underworld*, Rare Theatre), and **Frank Incer** (*CHICHO*, Theatre Passe Muraille).

*Above & Beyond* is inspired by Playwright **Jaclyn Toledano**'s 8 years of experience working in the educational travel industry. Jaclyn wrote this play as a much-needed creative outlet after contracting Lyme Disease a year ago. In Jaclyn's own words, "While I may have used this play as an opportunity to escape my own medical reality, I had always wanted to write about our current economic reality of having to sacrifice passion for financial stability. I hope that audiences will really relate to what they see on stage and see themselves reflected in this show."

Thurs, July 4th - 6:45 pm  
Sat July 6th Jul - 10:15 pm  
Sun July 7th - 12:30 pm \*RELAXED PERFORMANCE  
Tue July 9th - 8:30 pm \*ASL INTERPRETED PERFORMANCE  
Thu July 11th - 1:00 pm  
Fri July 12th - 6:15 pm  
Sat July 13th - 4:00 pm

at the **Robert Gill Theatre** (214 College St.)

*Please note that there is absolutely no latecomer seating.*

Purchase online: [fringetoronto.com/fringe/show/above-beyond](http://fringetoronto.com/fringe/show/above-beyond)

By Phone: 416-966-1062

In Person: During the festival at POSTSCRIPT, the patio at the Toronto Fringe. Located in the Hockey Rink at 275 Bathurst Street (Dundas + Bathurst).

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