

TANT PIS PRODUCTIONS:

We are a bi-hemispheric production company that operates in both Canada and Uruguay. Our founders are David Kovacs and Lianne Winterburn, two Canadians who went south and kept going, down to the Rio de la Plata. The two have a varied media background. David Kovacs has worked in various production and directing capacities at the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. And popularly likes to claim that “he once zipped up Barbara Frum”. While, Lianne Winterburn, a graduate from the York University Theatre program has been working the corporate new media side of late. Our first venture, literally days after landing on the Uruguayan shores, was an entrance into the popular 48 hour film festival – Punta del Este. A well-attended film competition that attracts not only local film makers, but international ones as well. Our short film, Silence/Silencio was well received at the 2017 competition.

THE PRINCESS IS THE PAUPER marks the duo’s return to Canada. The play is an original work, first written in Toronto, then re-written 9000 kilometres away in Uruguay, specifically for this year’s Toronto Fringe Festival. The play heavily alludes to the present political state of affairs, and even more to the constant state of chaos south of our border. “Being inundated constantly by American media and its polarization gets me a little angry, and I didn’t want to write an angry play. Uruguay was a perfect place to finish it with the proper perspective. I wanted something that would be fun, but still pokes at our political foibles,” says the playwright.

WHAT A GREAT CAST!!! “Like our previous ventures, we start fresh, new, and specific to the location we are in”. In Uruguay, our local actors and crew were brought in specific for our project. Likewise for THE PRINCESS IS THE PAUPER, our cast and crew are original to this production. The only difference with this production is its size. This time we went BIG, REALLY BIG. 11 actors playing over 40 characters.

CAST: Katherine Norris, Julian Monardo, Jennifer Wren, Candi Zell, Jarrod Clegg, Noor Alimran, Yago Mesquita, Zenia Sethna, Victoria Brennan, Lianne Winterburn, and David Kovacs

Our actors range from all manner of background. “We don’t get a team of actors with the same mindset. That’s not us. And that’s certainly not what Canada is all about. We cherish our diversity and are always amazed and surprised by the results from our team.”

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*Tant Pis Productions, in association with THE TORONTO FRINGE FESTIVAL presents:
THE PRINCESS IS THE PAUPER*

DIRECTOR: Lianne Winterburn
PLAYWRIGHT: David Kovacs
STAGE MANAGER: Luanne Walton
COSTUMES BY: Sonia Welsh and Sylvia Welsh