

“Minimum” Press Excerpts

“Minimum” is a play about the new Premier of Ontario having to live on minimum wage because of a campaign promise. Written by Victoria Sullivan, produced by Sullivan and Brandon James Sim, and performed by Sullivan, Sim, and Gavin Sibley, it is a joyous showcase of the vast talent within the Canadian theatre world.

“This is a play with a strong script, clever direction, and brilliant acting. It should be a must see for every Fringe goer this year.”

by Julian Nicolson, *The Hammer Monthly*. 2025.07.24

“Political satire and farce at its best. Brandon James Sim plays a newly elected Ontario premier who has made a political promise that he comes to regret. When someone asked if he’d be willing to give up his premier’s salary and live on minimum wage the new premier-to-be inadvertently said yes - and once elected has to live with the consequences.

“Victoria Sullivan, who plays his wife, is also the playwright in this hilarious comedy that hits all the right notes. Gavin Sibley, who plays his left wing radical assistant provides a nice foil from the more mainstream premier and it works in this comedy. This is the 2025 Hamilton Fringe show you don’t want to miss. It’ll brighten your day.

by Ray Z Rivers, [The Hammer Monthly](#). 2025.07.24

“Playwright and actress, Victoria Sullivan, has created a comedic masterpiece incorporating all the pertinent issues of the day that “common Ontarians” have to deal with. Then she threw in a conniving Prime Minister who leaks a video of the newly elected Premier inadvertently agreeing to live on minimum wage during his tenure.

“Sullivan who plays the Premier’s soon-to-be ex-wife has brilliant chemistry with actors Brandon James Sim (the Premier) and Gavin Sibley (his nervous and conniving assistant) making for a thoroughly enjoyable experience with lots of laughs!

“Find out what happens when a Premier who once spent \$36,000 a year on suits has to move into a rooming house on Barton Street in Hamilton and take the GO train to Queen’s Park each day.

by Doreen Nicoll, *Small Change Reviews*. 2025.07.25 [Full Story](#)

The vibe is raucous, fast-paced, and razor-sharp.

Ever wonder what would happen if the Premier of Ontario were forced to live on minimum wage?

When Simon—a vacuous narcissist with the slogan “We are Everyone”—is unexpectedly elected Premier, he quickly realizes he doesn’t have much of a plan. His wife does, though. Divorce.

Written by Victoria Sullivan, who also plays Simon’s long-suffering wife, *Minimum* is powered by smart, snappy dialogue and a cast of talented, high-energy actors. Gavin Sibley plays Grant, Simon’s idealistic Gen Z campaign manager, who might just have a few plans up his sleeve—if only his boss would listen.

Will this feckless leader learn the true value of a frappuccino? Will idealism win over ego? This riotous political satire turns modern governance on its head, exposing the comically surreal underbelly of politics.

By Kathy Garneau, The Vibe Hamilton. 2025.07.24 [Full Story](#)