



DEAD BROKE

By Will King

July 6 to 17th at The 2022 Toronto Fringe

Lost Dreams Collective presents **Dead Broke** by **Will King** from **July 6-17 2022** at the **Tarragon Extraspace** as part of **The Toronto Fringe Festival**, directed by **Calvin Petersen**. This surreal, thrilling, and dark ensemble comedy asks us what we do when we are at a point of identity crisis. What is the cost of living for nothing?

THE STORY /// Oliver, a university student, is in trouble. After switching majors and losing all financial support, he begins squatting in an abandoned home to reduce costs and save his relationship with his girlfriend, Charlotte. To convince their friends that his new living situation is viable, they arrange a birthday party for Oliver's best friend, Johnny, at his new, run down place. Joined by Laura, a plucky law school student, and Irina, a runner crashing with Johnny, everything appears to be falling into place. But when the house is revealed to have a sinister past, and someone goes missing, Oliver's life, and reality, spiral desperately out of control. [This script was originally developed as part of the 2020 Beats + Intentions Playwright's Unit (Expect Theatre/PGC)]

Dead Broke features an ensemble of Canadian talent from Theatre, Film, and TV, including: **Will King** as Oliver (*From the Water, The Heretics*), **Courtney Keir** as Charlotte (Playwrights' Studio Scotland, RADA, Royal Conservatoire of Scotland), **Claire Shenstone-Harris** as Irina (Bristol Old Vic Theatre School, Theatre Gargantua's Emerging Artists Roundtable), **Elle Reimer** as Laura (Kaleidoscope Theatre, *Will you Carry Me?*), and **Gordon Harper** as Johnny (Second City Conservatory, HBO's *Station Eleven*).

Directed by: Calvin Petersen

Lighting Design: Chin Palipane

Set and Costume Design: Julia Kim

Publicity Coordinator: Madryn McCabe

Stage Manager: Oli Allen

Fight Choreographer: Nate Bitton

Sound Designed & Produced by: Will King

SHOW TIMES:

Fri Jul 8th at 6:30 pm,

Sat Jul 9th at 3:00 pm,

Mon Jul 11th at 3:15 pm (relaxed performance),

Wed Jul 13th at 6:15 pm,

Thurs Jul 14th at 9:30pm,

Sat Jul 16th at 10:00 pm,

Sun Jul 17th at 7:45 pm.

TICKETS: Show listing and tickets available on June 22 at: <https://fringetoronto.com/>

RUNTIME: 60 minutes **CONTENT WARNINGS:** Mature language, gunshots, violence, and sexual content. **PROMO VIDEO:** <https://youtu.be/EX775oMN48I>