

# **A Whey You A Go? A Jamaican Sojourn**

Written by Jennifer Merchant

Directed by Anna Rolek

Tarragon Solo Room

July 7 – 17, 2022

A Whey You A Go? A Jamaican Sojourn follows the story of Flo, Flo through different Toronto neighbourhoods while she contemplates how she arrives in Canada in the first place.

She travels back in time to when she first arrives in Ottawa from Jamaica and her experiences of dealing with a new family member, a new culture and people and the weather. She gives her perspective and opinion on certain topics.

She goes even further back at one point and reveals some experiences she lived through in Jamaica, one particularly traumatic and how she deals with it.

The show touches on childhood sexual abuse and mentions some sexuality but it is not overtly or overly so.

She talks about her high school in Jamaica and a bit about high school in Ottawa. She talks about her relationship with her mother. Then she focuses on Jamaican personalities who mean something to her.

She interweaves her love for astrology and her respect and admiration for nuns and her love for Jamaican and Canadian culture. She talks about some of the motivations for her moves including trying to get well again. She lets us into a bit of her personal life and her dreams.

She concludes with thoughts about her relationship with her father, the open question of what the future holds and how she might give back in her own small way.

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**A Whey You A Go? A Jamaican Sojourn**  
**Toronto Fringe**

Tarragon Solo Room, 30 Bridgman Ave

Thu, July 7th @ 10:00 PM – Preview show

Sat, July 9th @ 6:30 PM

Mon, July 11th @ 5:15 PM

Tue, July 12th @ 8:15 PM

Thu, July 14th @ 7:45 PM

Fri, July 15th @ 4:00 PM

Sat, July 16th @ 1:15 PM

Sun, July 17th @ 4:30 PM

\$12 General admission tickets on sale June 22, \$6 for preview show.

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Stage Manager Janet Dean

Stage Manager Ann-Marie Boudreau

Stage Manager Rosemary Cheredaryk

Poster Art Wilson Huynh

Jennifer Merchant is an actor working in film and television with some stage experience. This is her first time writing something for the stage.

Anna Rolek grew up in Toronto and studied film at Ryerson many years ago. She became sidetracked by life and left that all behind but now she's back! She's directed many short films but this is her first foray directing for the stage.