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THE BIG SAD

By The Fox Den Collective

Toronto Fringe

July 6 - 17, 2022 at St. Vladimir's Institute Theatre

Equal parts fun and educational, **The Big Sad** is an interactive kids' show about the difficulties of grief and the tools we can use to cope with the loss of a loved one. The world premiere of **The Big Sad** will take place at the Toronto Fringe July 6 - 17, 2022 at the St Vladimir's Institute.

*Alex is six when their grandmother dies. Shortly afterwards, Alex's life is disrupted by the frequent reappearance of **The Big Sad**, a leaky green monster that shows up and wreaks havoc. Alex tries to hide The Big Sad, trap it in the closet – even trick it into being happy! But no matter what happens, The Big Sad keeps coming back... With the help of the audience, Alex learns how to name, accept, and look after The Big Sad, helping it shrink down to a manageable size.*

Created by the award-winning Fox Den Collective (*Queen Lear is Dead*, *S.I.S.T.E.R.*), **The Big Sad** features Carmen Osahor (director: *The Wolves*), Ted Hambly (Second City education company, D&D Live cast member) and Jessy Ardern (*Bronte*, *Changes of Heart*).

The Fox Den Collective is based in Edmonton, where they have fostered a reputation for interactive and site-specific work that challenges the audience/artist divide. This is their first play for young audiences, as well as their first production that will take place in a theatre! Past productions have seen audiences moving through churches, bars, back alleys, hotel rooms, and funeral homes as they make choices that influence the fabric of the performances.

"Grief is a challenging topic, no matter what age you are. Parents and educators often struggle when it comes to talking to their kids about grief. We're working to create a show that will help both parents and children cope when they experience loss," said

Carmen Osahor and Jessy Ardern.

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St. Vladimir Theatre, 620 Spadina Ave

Thursday, July 7, 4:00pm

Saturday, July 9, 1:45pm
Sunday, July 10, 3:45pm
Tuesday, July 12, 3:00pm
Wednesday, July 13, 12:30pm
Friday, July 15, 11:00am
Sunday, July 17, 12:30pm

\$14 General Admission tickets / \$6 kids tickets go on sale June 22

<https://fringetoronto.com/fringe/plan-your-festival/tickets-pass-info>

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For more information, please visit:

<https://thefoxdencollective.weebly.com/thebigsad.html>

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