

Original Musical Statistics by Adams Prize Winner Shreya Jha plays Toronto Fringe!

Emerging musical theatre writer Shreya Jha makes her professional debut with Adams Prize winning musical Statistics running July 6th-17th at the Toronto Fringe Festival.

When esteemed biologist Rosalind Franklin took Photograph 51 in 1951, it changed the course of the discovery of DNA forever. Statistics shows the side-by-side stories of two female scientists, separated by half a century, embroiled in their own races against the clock. Rosalind Franklin struggles against misogyny while current-day premedical student Rose Andersson fights cutthroat competition for medical school admission. In their darkest moments, they form a connection of grit, perseverance, and love for their field.

Ladyville Productions' presentation of Statistics marks the first professional performance of the show, as well as the Toronto debuts of several emerging young artists. Statistics was also shortlisted for the Playwrights' Guild of Canada Robert Beardsley Emerging Playwright Award in September 2021.

Statistics marks a fresh marriage of science and art in the form of theatre, presenting the world of scientific academia onstage in a way that has not been done before and brings a new perspective to musical theatre. Composer-playwright Shreya Jha, a medical student herself, looks forward to increased interdisciplinary projects between the worlds of science and art in future years.

Statistics runs July 6th-17th at the Ada Slaight Hall (585 Dundas St E) as part of the Toronto Fringe Festival. Starring: Oliver Daniel, Michael Manning, Rachel Mundy, Nam Nguyen, Colette Richardson and Maddie Sekulin. Directed by Shannon Henley-Dunbar, with Music Direction by Michael Henley-Dunbar, and book, music and lyrics by Shreya Jha.

Show schedule:

July 6th 9:45pm
July 8th 3:15pm
July 9th 6:45pm
July 11th 4:15pm
July 14th 5pm
July 16th 2:45pm
July 17th 8:30pm

Tickets will go on sale June 22nd and can be purchased online at fringetoronto.com or by calling the box office at 416-966-1062. Tickets can also be purchased in person during the festival at each venue.

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