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**CUSP**  
**Access Guide**



**July 2 - July 12, 2026**  
**Weyni Mengesha Theatre**

This guide uses plain language to provide audiences, particularly neurodiverse audiences, with specific sensory details of programming in advance to help guide your experience.

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# Access Measures

## Relaxed Performance

Relaxed performances are open to everyone, but the environment has been specifically adapted for those who are neurodivergent and may experience sensory sensitivities, folks with communication or learning disabilities, and people who would benefit from a more relaxed environment.

The **4:30 PM** performance on **July 3rd** will be a relaxed performance.

## Mask Mandatory Performance

Mask-mandatory performances help to protect people who may be more vulnerable to illness, including those with underlying health conditions or reduced immunity. Masks are mandatory for all audience members during this performance.

The **4:30 PM** performance on **July 3rd** will be a mask-mandatory performance.

## **About CUSP**

As one unforgettable cottage summer comes to an end, a group of twenty-something friends must return to real life, whatever that means. Inspired by the timeless themes of Uncle Vanya, this existential comedy explores the absurdity of the human experience: knowing what you want your life to be, yet struggling to understand how to get there.

Produced by TMI & Co. and directed by Tanya Rintoul, the show unites an ensemble of emerging artists from the graduating class of George Brown Theatre School. We have spent the past three years working closely, learning and growing with each other. Collectively, we have created four full-length plays (one of which was directed by Tanya Rintoul) and innumerable scenes, sketches, interpretive dances, etc. So, we thought what better way to fight the post-graduation scaries than to create one more show together.

## **Run Time**

60 minutes with no intermission

## **Content Warnings and Advisories**

Please be advised that the performance of CUSP includes:

- Mature Language;
- Sexual Contents;
- Abrupt Sound or Lighting Cues.

## Cast and Characters



Chrisevina Tsoura plays the role of Sophie (based on Sofya Alexandrovna Serebryakova). The owner of the cottage who lives there full-time.



Kaleb Piper plays the role of Ivan (based on Ivan Petrovich Voynitsky/Uncle Vanya). Sophie's half brother helping her manage the cottage during the year.



Philip Diamond plays the role of Xander (based on Alexandr Vladimirovich Serebryakov). Sophie's brother and a PhD student.



Katya Podlesnaia plays the role of Lina (based on Yelena Andreevna Serebryakova). The newlywed wife of Xander, who is visiting the family for the first time.



Jack Emerson Mosney plays the role of Mikhail (based on Mikhail Lvovich Astrov). A high school friend of Xander, graduating from medical school.



Kimia Kalantari plays the role of Myhra (based on Maria Vasilevna Voynitskaya & Marina Timofeevna). A family friend, spending the summer at the cottage.



Dale Rideout plays the role of Eli (based on Ilya Ilych Telegin). A high school friend of Xander and Mikhail, living in town.



Jaiden French plays the role of Yasmine (based on Yefim). The cousin of Xander and Sophie.

## **Set**

The set will include a 12 feet long table, surrounded by 8 chairs of various designs.

## Get in Touch

If you have any questions or concerns about this access guide or planning your visit to CUSP at the 2026 Toronto Fringe Festival, please reach out.

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