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**Lucian, Plato, and the Secrets of the Pussy**  
**Access Guide**



**July 2-13, 2025**  
**The Michael Young 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, and people who would benefit from a more relaxed environment.

For a relaxed performance we keep the house lights at a low level, and have adjusted the sound cues to be softer, and lighting cues to be less abrasive or sudden.

The 2:15pm performance on July 10th will be a relaxed performance.

### **Mask Mandatory Performances**

Open to everyone, Mask Mandatory performances require all audience members to be masked. We hope these mandated performances allow immuno-compromised and COVID-conscious folks to enjoy the show with peace of mind.

The following performances are Mask Mandatory:

*Friday July 4th at 4:15pm*

*Monday July 7th at 7:30pm*

*Thursday July 10th at 2:15pm*

*Friday July 11th at 2:00pm*

### **Pay-What-You-Can (PWYC) Performances**

PWYC performances are being offered if price is a barrier to seeing the show. PWYC allows patrons to set the price they'd like to pay. Ticket fees will be scaled and will still apply.

The following performances are PWYC:

*July 4th at 4:15pm*

*Tuesday July 8th at 10:15pm*

*Thursday July 10th at 2:15pm*

## About Lucian, Plato, and the Secrets of the Pussy

How does one... philosophize pussy?

When Leaina runs off to Lesbos with her best friend Megillus, her ex-husband Lucian is left desperate for answers. Devastated to find out that they're in love and that somehow (despite them not being man and wife??) they participate in intercourse. This thought beats at him, batters him, blows his supposedly ginormous mind, so much so that he has no choice but to turn to the only man in Athens smarter than him: Plato.

Despite their clashing energies, these two men of academia work tirelessly to answer the impossible question of how Leaina and Megillus have sex. With no choice but to work closely in Lucian's cramped office, our boys summon the gods, consult the pots, and are forced to confront the repressed desires simmering under their musty togas. Lucian and Plato are a collision of gym socks and button ups, of desire and shame.

Interwoven throughout the treacherous journey of Lucian and Plato, are pieces of Leaina and Megillus' new life on Lesbos. As they wander through Lesbos' lush canopies, sun-drenched shores, and salt-stung winds, they navigate the possibilities and uncertainties of their relationship. As they open up to the world, the world around them opens too, and they find their love echoed by the voices of the island.

The play challenges ancient satirist Lucian's representation of queer sex depicted in his dialogue "The Lesbians," and asks, "What would the queer people in this story say for themselves?" Over 30 queer artists and contributors have come together to delight in the creation of Lucian, Plato, and the Secrets of the Pussy. This gender-bending, genre-blending odyssey is a bold new adaptation, woven from a mosaic of verbatim accounts of queer love.

Will our boys unlock the secrets of the pussy? You'll just have to come and find out...

## **Run Time**

60 minutes with no intermission.

## **Content Warnings and Advisories**

Please be advised that *Lucian, Plato, and the Secrets of the Pussy* includes mature language, sexual content, abrupt lighting and sound cues as well as depictions of misogyny, homophobia, and transphobia.

Please note there will be a few lighting and sound cues that represent lightning and thunder which may be abrupt or surprising. For our relaxed performance on July 10th at 2:15pm, these cues will be adjusted.

Please see our Visual Story for a more in-depth walkthrough of the play's plot.

## Cast and Characters



Kael Bury plays the role of Lucian



Jewell Bowry plays the role of Plato



Jasmine Brough plays the role of Leaina



Jonnie Lombard plays the role of Megillus

## Set



A quilt backdrops the set, and is draped with fabric. Cardboard boxes make up the space of Lucian's office. Two chairs turned towards each other. A flat wide box to make a makeshift table. Ivy grows on stands coming out of boxes on either side of the backdrop. This space exists as both Lucian's office in Athens, and the island of Lesbos.

## Costumes



Leaina and Megillus wear flowy white outfits. They both wear sandals. Coloured fabric is added to their costumes throughout the show.



Lucian wears two layered polo shirts, beige slacks, socks and sandals, and a light blue toga.



Plato wears a visor, basketball shorts, a jersey, slides, and a red toga.

## Get in Touch

If you have any questions or concerns about this access guide or planning your visit to *Lucian, Plato, and the Secrets of the Pussy* at the 2025 Toronto Fringe Festival, please reach out.

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Thank you for coming to the 2025 Toronto Fringe Festival.