

HANG IN THERE!

Company Biography & Key Participants
Hatchet Theatre | 2026 Toronto Fringe Festival

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About Hatchet Theatre

Hatchet Theatre is an emerging Toronto-based independent theatre company led by writer and performer Michael Madore. The company is focused on actor-driven, emotionally direct theatre that blends dark comedy, conflict, and intimate character work.

With *Hang In There!*, Hatchet Theatre brings a new 45-minute ensemble play to the 2026 Toronto Fringe Festival. The production reflects the company's interest in stories about people under pressure: people trying to be understood, trying to survive each other, and trying to find honesty inside messy relationships, old resentments, and uncomfortable truths.

Key Participants

Michael Madore - Writer / John

Michael Madore is a Toronto-based writer, performer, and founder of Hatchet Theatre. He wrote *Hang In There!* and appears in the production as John. His work is drawn toward dark humour, emotional contradiction, social tension, and the ways people struggle to communicate when love, ego, fear, money, and resentment are all in the room at once.

Rachel Abramovich - Director

Rachel Abramovich directs *Hang In There!* for Hatchet Theatre. Her work on the production focuses on ensemble connection, emotional clarity, and bringing out the humour and discomfort inside the play's tense interpersonal dynamics.

Isabelle Wise - Stage Manager

Isabelle Wise is the stage manager for *Hang In There!*. She supports the production through rehearsal coordination, backstage organization, and the practical management needed to bring the show to performance.

Bernalli Rosales - Lighting Designer

Bernalli Rosales is the lighting designer for *Hang In There!*. Their lighting work supports the atmosphere, rhythm, and emotional shifts of the production.

Rachelle Mazzilli - Sharon

Rachelle Mazzilli appears in *Hang In There!* as Sharon. As part of the ensemble, she helps bring the play's central conflicts, humour, and emotional stakes to life.

Jaden Jackson - Wanda

Jaden Jackson appears in *Hang In There!* as Wanda. Her performance contributes to the play's exploration of connection, misunderstanding, and emotional pressure.

Darius Zee - Sam

Darius Zee appears in *Hang In There!* as Sam. He joins the ensemble in shaping the relationships and tensions at the heart of the production.

Abdul-Shakur Alawi - Silas

Abdul-Shakur Alawi appears in *Hang In There!* as Silas. His performance adds to the ensemble dynamic of a play built around conflict, loyalty, humour, and buried feeling.

Show Details: *Hang In There!* runs July 2-12, 2026 at the Weyni Mengesha Theatre at Soulpepper as part of the Toronto Fringe Festival. Tickets are \$15 through fringetoronto.com.

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