



# THE SPONTANEOUS SHAKESPEARE COMPANY

**VANCOUVER'S SPONTANEOUS SHAKESPEARE COMPANY BRINGS AWARD WINNING SHAKESPEAREAN IMPROV TO TORONTO FRINGE FOR THE FIRST TIME!**

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**The Spontaneous Shakespeare Company (TSSC)**, Vancouver's premiere improvised Shakespeare ensemble, is set to captivate audiences in Toronto with their improvised Shakespearean History format, **Who's Lineage is it Anyway?**. Comprised of some of the city's finest acting and improv talents, TSSC brings a delightful twist to the works of the Bard, ensuring an unforgettable theatrical experience.

**ABOUT THE SHOW: *Whose Lineage is it Anyway?*** is an entirely improvised history, based off of a true family story from the audience, drawing from the classics of Shakespeare. The mundane is transformed into the epic in a one of a kind performance, never seen before or again! Performed in iambic pentameter, the show is a highly skilled feat featuring cunning wordplay, moving poetry, and improvised silliness in a delightful collision of high art and low comedy. This is the opening (and closing!) performance of an undiscovered classic from the cannon of the Bard filled with laughter, gasps, sighs, and tears.

"This company is incapable of disappointing any audience" ★★★★★ - Winnipeg Free Press

"A delightful celebration of what improv- and Shakespeare- can be" ★★★★★ - Sask Star Phoenix

***Whose Lineage is it Anyway?*** will be performed at Venue 15, the Factory Theatre Studio (125 Bathurst St) at the following dates and times:

Tuesday June 30<sup>th</sup> 9:00 pm

Friday July 3<sup>rd</sup> 10:00 pm

Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm

Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup> 4 pm

Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup> 5:45 pm

Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup> 12:30 pm

Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm

Tickets can be purchased at <https://fringetoronto.com/>

**ABOUT THE COMPANY:** Established in 2016 as *Shakespeare After Dark*, co-created by Zach Wolfman and Chelsey Stuyt, the company quickly gained acclaim with sold-out shows at the *Havana Theatre* and *Rio Theatre*, alongside multiple appearances at the *Vancouver Improv Festival*.

Relaunched under the leadership of founding member **Brent Hirose**, the company has gone on to perform all over North America, winning awards, rave reviews and sold out houses. They most recently headlined night one of the *Unscripted Shakespeare Festival* in NYC, as well as performances at the Orlando, Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Edmonton, Victoria and Vancouver Fringe Festivals.

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