



**THE
SPONTANEOUS
SHAKESPEARE
COMPANY**

Company History

The Spontaneous Shakespeare Company is Vancouver's premiere improvised Shakespeare company. Composed of some of Vancouver's best acting and improv talent, they have brought their hilarious twist on the works of the Bard to audiences all over North America.

Founded in 2016 as Shakespeare After Dark, the company was co-created by Zach Wolfman and Chelsey Stuyt. Originally part of Instant Theatre, the company achieved quick success, performing critically acclaimed, sold out shows at the Havana Theatre and Rio Theatre, as well as multiple appearances at the Vancouver Improv Festival.

After a COVID induced hiatus, founding company member Brent Hirose took over as Artistic Director, bringing together a cast of new and familiar faces to restore the show to Vancouver stages, and for the first time to tour beyond BC. The company has now performed at the Orlando, Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Edmonton, Victoria, and Vancouver Fringe Festivals, as well as the Vancouver Improv Festival, the Bellingham Improv Festival and most recently the Unscripted Shakespeare Festival in NYC. They also tour shows and workshops to schools all over the Lower Mainland.

Bios

Brent Hirose (Artistic Director) is an actor, writer, director, voice over artist and improviser based in Vancouver BC. An honours graduate of the University of Winnipeg, he is a founding member of The Spontaneous Shakespeare Company, as well as a company member of Tightrope Impro Theatre and Fistful of Kicks

Delaney Gilmour is a Vancouver based actor, improviser, voice over artist and fight director. She is a core member of Very Very Improv and was co-artistic director of Regency Impro.

Evan Brow is an improviser born and raised in Vancouver, where he was Co-President of UBC Improv and created its sketch program with Jull Lockley. He is also a founding member of Grad School Improv.

Martina Vos is a Vancouver based actor and improviser, and is a current member of Sin Peaks, House Teams with the Improv Centre and the 2025/26 Maestro Cast with Tightrope Impro Theatre. They recently debuted the short *Rancid* which they starred in alongside *Heated Rivalry's* Hudson Williams.

Zach Wolfman is an actor, improviser and teacher from Vancouver. He is the co-founder of The Spontaneous Shakespeare Company and has trained extensively in improv, theatre and clown. He is currently a company member and occasional director of Sin Peaks.

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