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X AND DA SPIRIT

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Synopsis:

The show is inspired by playwright/performer Donovan Hayden's experiences during the massive Black Lives Matter protests that stretched around the globe in 2020 and his continued involvement in the movement. During that first summer of activism, Donovan came across a mural under a bridge in Toronto – a tribute to the Black lives violently ended by police – and began writing this piece. Though the original mural has been painted over, Donovan has now teamed up with one of its original artists to recreate the mural in this production.

Joined by a talented team of Black and POC emerging artists, *X and da Spirit* is a celebration of Toronto Blackness and resistance using rap, dance, graffiti, music and spoken word.