

# **My ~~Korean~~ Canadian Friend**

## **TORONTO FRINGE**

*a Korean game show on how to become Canadian for immigrants*

*My ~~Korean~~ Canadian Friend (MKCF)* is a satirical comedy similar to “Parasite” where two Korean immigrant boys compete in a Korean game show to learn how to be Canadian in order to fit in and survive the dangerous territories of high school.

The play borrows the styles of South Korean variety, game, and talk shows where competitors are placed in difficult, uncomfortable situations and face outrageous challenges where competition is cutthroat. The play uses the experience of the contestants to examine the intersections of culture, race, and bullying.

The show is fun and entertaining, but also starts a dialogue by challenging the audience to deeply reflect about the prevalence and extremities of xenophobia, exclusion, societal barriers, and pressures faced by individuals from marginalized communities.

Ngọc Hân (Rebecca) Trần won the Toronto Fringe Festival’s “Digital New Play Contest” with *MKCF*. The piece was previously performed as a stage reading in “Fresh Ink” at Soulpepper Theatre and “Telling Tales Out of School” at York University.

**Lunar Way Studio** in association with **The Toronto Fringe Festival** presents *My ~~Korean~~ Canadian Friend*

Written by Ngọc Hân (Rebecca) Trần

Directed by Ganesh Thava

Script Consultation and Translation by Siwon Yi and Joungwa Noh

Dramaturgy by Joseph Burdi

Produced by Michelle Kwan and Ngọc Hân (Rebecca) Trần

Starring Daniel Lee, Paul Smith, Rosina Ferede, and Tony Yu

Technical Direction and Design by Jacob Lin

Online at <https://fringetoronto.com/digital-fringe/show/my-korean-canadian-friend>

Digital Toronto Fringe Festival opens from **July 21 – 31, 2021**. Performances will be performed in the **Primetime Series** digitally over Zoom on the following dates:

- Thursday, July 22, 2021, at 8 PM EST
- Saturday, July 24th, 2021, at 8 PM EST
- Wednesday, July 28, 2021, at 8 PM EST
- Saturday, July 31, 2021, at 2 PM EST

**Tickets and Memberships:**

Patrons can purchase tickets online at [fringetoronto.com](http://fringetoronto.com)

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