

DON VALLEY GIRLS
Not Your Auntie's Sketch Show
Presented as Part of the Toronto Fringe Festival

The **Don Valley Girls** are remounting their hit, sold-out sketch show that was originally staged at Why Not Theatre's RISER Festival in April 2022.

Assembling like the Avengers earlier in the New Year, the **Don Valley Girls**, composed of a team of talented emerging artists (with credits that include Second City Family Company, CBC Gem, and Crave), met and plotted to create a show about the things that make them laugh. They're a mashup of Somali/Korean/Palestinian/Pakistani Canadian perspectives from women and non-binary folks who are lamented by the fact they've aged out of being the Main Character™.

Exhausted by the state of the world, they focused their sights on the things both mundane and large that made them laugh and keep going. When asked if they want to tackle anything serious with their comedy, we got some enthusiastic nods. Fateema Al-Hameedah Miller said she "wants to bring a good level of (her) ratty and subversive sensibility to this show." A little *what is this and why am I laughing*, is what the troupe is aiming for.

Directed by **Liza Paul**, the troupe consists of **Rabiya Mansoor** (*Get Up, Aisha, Bob Curry Fellowship*), **Mona Hersi** (*Tokens, Abroad*), **Andie Hong** (*My Strange Girlfriend, Toronto Sketchfest*), **Fateema Al-Hameedah Miller** (*Toronto Arab FilmFest*), and **Surer Q. Deria** (*Virgins!, JFL*).

Now, together, they've created a 60-minute sketch revue that tackles big questions like: why *can't* you fall in love with a North Korean soldier? Why does everyone now have a bidet? And are Spiced Girls better than the Spice Girls? You'll just have to come to the show to find out.

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15th July, 2:15pm / 17th July, 6:15pm
At Streetcar Crowsnest, Guloien Theatre

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