

At Home with the Bards

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Come Spend Quality Time at Bards' Bed and Breakfast

At Home with the Bards is a new play by Eric Petersen, following the misadventures of Frederick, an actor in the local theatre festival, who comes to stay at a bed and breakfast, unleashing chaos at the bed and breakfast as he interacts with the other guests and tries to achieve his goal of selling out the remaining dates of his play, *The Don*. At Home with the Bards is presented at Alumnae Theatre, 70 Berkeley Street during the Toronto Fringe.

The play was workshopped at the Warm Company cold reading series, which is also how Eric met Jamie Johnson, the director, and recruited several of the actors. The cast is quite large, with 9 actors portraying the owners of the bed and breakfast and other guests. Mark Terene, who plays Frederick, has had a distinguished career (45+ years) as an actor/singer in Toronto and beyond, perhaps best known in the Disney/Mirvish productions of *Beauty and the Beast* and *The Lion King*. Lynn Weintraub, who plays Rhea Bard, has been in Fringe productions since 1990. She has appeared in *Grand Army* (Netflix), *Mrs. America* (FX) and *Law & Order Toronto*.

The director, Jamie Johnson, is a writer, actor, and producer living in Toronto. He's a graduate of York University (BFA, MFA). Selected credits include Ludie in *The Trip to Bountiful*, (Alumnae Theatre), Titus in *Titus Andronicus* (Seven Siblings Theatre), Pontius Pilate in *The Last Days of Judas Iscariot*, (Unit 102) and Dame Trott in *Rapunzel* (TYT). Eric Petersen (Writer/Producer) is returning to the Toronto Fringe 8 years after bringing *Final Exam* to the East End in 2018.

At Home with the Bards presented by Home with Bards as part of the 2026 Toronto Fringe Festival

written by Eric Petersen and directed by Jamie Johnson

featuring Mark Terene, Jane E. Smythe, Lynn Weintraub, Brian Russell, Sean Fisher, Bonnie Gray, Ted Powers, Alex Stamp and Eric Benson

Mon. July 6 at 9 pm

Wed. July 8 at 4 pm

Fri. July 10 at 8 pm

Sat. July 11 at 1 pm

Alumnae Theatre, 70 Berkeley St.

More information and tickets available as of June 3, 2026

Online at <https://fringetoronto.com/fringe/show/home-bards>

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