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The Drinking Gourd

Winnipeg, MB (June 25th, 2021) – Jazz Haz Productions presents **The Drinking Gourd** as part of the 2021 Digital Toronto Fringe On-Demand Series, **written and performed by Anthony Audain with incidental music by Rob Lindey.**

The Drinking Gourd takes a modern-day look at the impact of Canada’s involvement in the Underground Railroad through a short documentary/music video and poetic narrative portrayal of a slave’s journey from America’s deep South to freedom North of the border in Canada. With the challenges of Covid 19, and keeping bubbles small, our company found creative ways to stretch a fringe budget and keep our exposure limited. As a result, we found ourselves taking on roles that, perhaps, under normal circumstances, would have been taken on by other people. The saying: **“Don’t let what you can’t do stop you from doing what you can do,”** really resonated with us. We felt, after all, that it is about bringing one’s imagination to life in an entertaining way, and **our aim is always to entertain!** This time ‘round, though, we may end up doing some informative and gentle educating, as well.

The Festival Opens July 21-31 online at fringetoronto.com

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