



A Dean Bean Adventure

in association with The Toronto Fringe Festival

presents

BOY vs FLY

The Team

(listed alphabetically)



Dani Alon - Dean Bean

Dani Alon is an improv and stand-up comedian based in Toronto. She started her improv journey 13 years ago and is a graduate of the Second City Conservatory in Toronto and iO Theatre in Chicago. From 2014 to 2021, she was co-founder and artistic director of the Improv Embassy, Ottawa's only theatre and school for improv, sketch and stand-up comedy. She is an experienced teacher of improv for all ages and experience levels. She currently performs with the Assembly Improv team "Tom Hollandaise", and runs "The Playpen" improv jam every month at the Imperial Pub, when she is not busy raising her two wonderful (and energetic) young sons.



Daniel Beitchman - Dad/Principal Spoon, Writer, Producer

Daniel Beitchman is a writer, actor and producer based in Toronto. He has a Bachelor's Degree in History from the University of Western Ontario and a Technical Communications Certificate from George Brown College. Daniel writes and performs comedy and recently wrote and acted in four comedy sketches posted to Youtube. He wrote and self-published the children's book BOY vs. FLY, which he adapted into a Toronto Fringe Festival play. Daniel is a recent graduate of Humber College's post-grad TV Writing and Producing program. Instagram: @danielbeitchman



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Kerry Griffin - Director

Kerry is an actor, improviser, and director based in Toronto. He has been performing in the Toronto improv scene for over 20 years. After training with the Second City, he went on to form the award winning improv troupe Slap Happy, which was a mainstay of the Toronto comedy scene for over 10 years and toured across North America and Europe. He joined the mainstage cast of the Second City Toronto in 2008 and wrote and performed in two award winning shows. He returned to Second City as a director in 2010 and has since directed four critically acclaimed revues in Toronto as well as several of their Norwegian Cruise Lines shows. Kerry has been teaching improv with the Second City training centre for over 15 years and has also taught at numerous other venues around Toronto including the Bad Dog Theatre Company, The Social Capital, and for a wide range of corporate clients. As an actor Kerry has appeared in over 100 television and radio commercials as well as appearances on numerous television shows such as Schitt's Creek (CBC), The Expanse (Prime), Murdoch Mysteries (CBC), Designated Survivor (ABC) and Baroness Von Sketch Show (CBC). Kerry has won multiple Canadian Comedy Awards including twice being named Canada's best male improviser.



Vivian Schwartz Kalfon - Assistant Stage Manager

Vivian is delighted to be the ASM for this years Boy versus Fly remount. This is her first time as an ASM. She is not new to the world of theatre. She has primarily been involved with amateur musical theatre as a performer and most recently as a prop mistress. This has helped her better appreciate and understand what goes into the creative process of a production from a backstage perspective.

Vivian is the proud mother of Nathan, a third year university student. She would especially like to thank Daniel Beitchman for giving her the opportunity to be part of this production.



Zohaib Khan - The Fly

Zohaib Khan is an improviser, sketch comedian and producer based in Toronto, Ontario.

As an improviser, he was part of Bad Dog's Featured Players Season 3, has performed in festivals including Big City Improv, Del Close Marathon, Globehead, the 24 Hour Improv Marathon and was part of Bad Dog's award-nominated show Scenes in The City.

As a writer and sketch comedian, he has written and performed sketch revues for Edmonton Fringe (Basic Witch), Toronto Fringe (And Then It Happened..., Woke N Broke), The Toronto Sketch Festival and the 48 Hour Film Festival.



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Adrian Kieda - Johnny C.

Adrian is a performer and creator from Toronto! He is a graduate of the Second City Longform and Sketch Conservatory programs and you can find Adrian performing Improv in local bars or at many anime/comic conventions in the GTA. He is a full-time freelance video creator at MakeAVideo.ca. AND is always working on SOMETHING wild and fun on his socials, so better follow him on IG @Adrian4Evr for some pumpkin carving, drink flipping, and pigeon boarding adventures. 🧑✨



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Heather Lacey - Stage Manager

Heather has been involved with theatre for about 30 years, starting first backstage in community theatres and eventually moving to professional stage management. She is currently self employed as an Advanced Grief Recovery Method Specialist and Wholistic Wellness Provider. She has always loved the Fringe and is happy to be back working on a live show this summer!



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Dewi Minden - Musical Director

Dewi Minden, M.Mus., B.Mus. is a composer, pianist, trumpeter and conductor. She wrote, performed and toured internationally with the Robert Minden Ensemble (lostsound.com) an experimental music-storytelling group in the 1980's and '90's. Highlight appearances include the Lincoln Centre in NYC, Kennedy Centre in Washington DC, Sesame Street on television, and numerous international festivals across the UK, the US and Canada. She has produced three albums, one of which was nominated for a JUNO Award. Dewi is currently a Music Director at Second City Theatre in Toronto and an award film composer for The Animation Playground based in British Columbia.



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Lauren Sittler - Mom/Ms. Anne

Lauren Sittler is a Toronto based improviser and performer, studying comedy at both Second City and The Assembly Improv. She is a member of the improv troupe Harrison Ford Focus, performing with them both locally and internationally at Miami Improv Festival. Lauren has always been passionate about performing and is excited to join the amazing cast and crew in Boy vs. Fly!

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