



EXCITING NEW DANCE COMPANY PRODUCED BY THE NEXT STAGE: FRINGE FESTIVAL.

SaMel Tanz presents: *that "F" word*

that "F" word, is an invigorating and comedic performance that fearlessly explores the struggles of feminism specifically gender, class, race, body image, and tradition. SaMel Tanz captivates audiences with a fusion of Contemporary, Latin and Hip Hop dance forms. This show delivers exceptional movement with a powerful message from women who aren't afraid to say it like it is. Special Guests include: The Rasasvada Dance Company.

Rising stars of the Toronto dance scene, SaMel Tanz was founded in 2014 by Samantha Schleese and Melissa Hart. Together, they fuse Classical techniques with Urban and Latin dance movement and explore vibrant stories of the human experience. They work to create innovative dance works that can relate to all audiences.

SaMel Tanz have been featured in CBC's "Interpretive Facts" segment and have performed together for major corporations such as IGO, Samsung and Bud Light Sensations. They are also part of an all female Hip Hop crew, DEUCEnDIP and have performed for World Pride, Canada's Walk of Fame Festival and WE DAY.

Samantha completed her Masters Degree in Performance Dance in England and performed on a UK Tour with MAP Dance Company. After completing her BFA from York, Melissa went on to dance for recording superstars such as Hedley, Jason Derulo and Sean Paul. Samantha and Melissa were also the official dance instructors for the 2013 WE DAY held at the Air Canada Centre in Toronto.

This past July the duo premiered *The "F" Word* at Toronto's Fringe Festival. With 7 shows at the Al Green Theatre, SaMel Tanz established themselves as "one to watch". Mooney on Theatre said of the performance, "If you want to see some real dancing, and I mean REAL dancing, check out *The "F" Word*." Through the Next Stage: Fringe Festival, SaMel Tanz has revamped this production and brings a clearer attention to ***that "F" word*** (pun intended).

From the directors, choreographers, performers, stage and lighting designers, ***that "F" word*** has been entirely created by women. SaMel Tanz has gathered a diverse cast that ranges in age from 13-29, emphasising that the issues of feminism affect ALL women and their experiences are important and valid. SaMel Tanz are extremely passionate about staying connected to the next generation of young dancers and are huge advocates of providing a space for the young female voice to be heard.

Come see this performance at the Next Stage: Fringe Festival.

SaMel Tanz in association with **The Next Stage: Fringe Festival** presents: ***that "F" word***

Directed & Choreographed by: Samantha Schleese & Melissa Hart

Stage Manager: Robin Bleasdale

Next Stage: Fringe Festival: January 3rd - January 14th, 2018

Tickets: \$15 and go on sale November 27th, 2017.

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