

Company Bio and Pronouns

Company History

The first Sunglasses Monologue show was created in December 2014 and premiered at Second City Toronto to a sold-out audience. Over the past seven years this show has been continually developed and performed at various venues across Canada including performances in Niagara Falls, St Catherine's and Canmore Alberta. Most recently, The Sunglasses Monologue had its first digital performance May 2021, which was performed to a live audience over Zoom through the Canadian Council for the Blind.

Vivian Chong Bio

Vivian Chong is the creator, producer, and performer of *The Sunglasses Monologue*. She is a singer-songwriter, vocalist and ukulele player. A multidisciplinary artist, Vivian has created works as a graphic novelist, playwright, dancer and comedian. In 2020 her graphic memoir, *Dancing after TEN* was shortlisted for the Toronto Book Award, listed as one of the best books in NPR top 200 and recommended by the New York Times. In addition to her artistic pursuits, Vivian is a triathlete, circus performer and drummer and volunteers regularly for the vision loss and blind community. In 2020 Vivian was awarded the Volunteer Service Award by the Ontario government. She is an audio description consultant and the founder of The Accessible Yoga Program for the Canadian Institute for the Blind. In this post pandemic world, Vivian has shifted her yoga teaching practice online and teaches virtually, across the province of Ontario. As a drummer, Vivian performed in Season 2 of the Apple TV series *See* and was featured in the documentary *Ripples* for Accessible Media Inc in 2021.

Pronouns: she/her