



Pearle Harbour's Agit-Pop!

'Drag queen Pearle Harbour presents a cabaret extravaganza for sufferin' souls staring down the end of the world.'

Pearle Harbour's Agit-Pop! is a jukebox spectacular of song, storytelling, and sociopolitical tirades from the **multi-award-winning drag superstar Pearle Harbour**, opening **January 9** at **Factory Theatre Mainspace**, as part of the **2020 Next Stage Theatre Festival**.

She's baaaack! Pearle Harbour, the nation's premiere (read: only) drag *tragicomedienne* returns with a soundtrack for the pre-post-apocalypse (read: right now). ***Agit Pop!*** is an ever-changing collection of Pearle's favourite, best, and most heart-wrenchingly hilarious short acts, developed over five years of live performance. Accompanied by musical director Steven Conway, Pearle serenades audiences with new arrangements of old classics and little-known gems by David Bowie, Judy Garland, Tom Waits, and more.

DRAG PROPHET — The Audience Choice Award winner (SummerWorks 2017) and two-time Dora-nominee (and still salty about it), **Pearle Harbour** stands in the high-heeled tradition of legendary queens and drag performance artists John Cameron Mitchell, Christeene, and Taylor Mac. Drag's mainstream popularity has surged, but Pearle serves something you can't find on *RuPaul's Drag Race*: she struts a razor-thin line between tender tragedy and biting comedy, outrageous camp and sincere vulnerability.

AGITATION + PROPAGANDA — Cheerfully riffing on the tradition of *agitprop* – art with an explicitly political edge and purpose – Pearle Harbour brings her signature acid wit and outsider insight as she spills the tea on true history, fake news, and alternative facts. Breathe a sigh of relief: even though her sights are locked on our culture of political dis-ease, existential panic, and ecological catastrophe, Pearle will keep you safe. Which is not the same thing as comfortable.

PEARLE ACROSS CANADA — *Agit-Pop!* at Next Stage is the first stop on a nationwide tour. Pearle heads westward ho, with stops at the **PuSh International Performing Arts Festival** (Vancouver, BC), the **Yukon Arts Centre** (Whitehorse, YT), and **OUTstages Queer Theatre Festival** (Victoria, BC).

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