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Actors! Canadian Actors Up Close and Personal

Melissa Major invites Toronto audiences inside the fold with Actors! Canadian Actors Up Close and Personal

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Being an actor in the Canadian theatre industry, specifically in the city of Toronto, is both a challenging and exciting profession. A typical theatre performance features actors in different roles, portraying characters who are different than themselves. It is a rarity for a production to take down the fourth wall, bringing the audience into the lives of the actors, and allowing for a two-way interaction. The Cheshire Unicorn (http://www.cheshireunicorn.com/) 's newest production, Actors! Canadian Actors Up Close and Personal, now on stage at the MAJORspace (38 Abell Street, unit 207), tears down that barrier and places two professional Canadian actors in front of an audience for an honest and inspiring discussion.

Set in an intimate studio, the production stars Tim Walker and Stephanie Seaton, two warm and engaging actors who immediately connect with the audience. The actors begin by pulling pre-written questions on small slips of paper from a vase, with their answers limited to one minute each. This is a revealing exercise which allows Walker and Seaton to illustrate their individual backgrounds and gives the audience a glimpse into their everyday lives. They also share their motivations as actors, as well as some pretty wild experiences.

Actors! consists of a panel discussion as well as a scripted performance with a twist that will leave the audience speechless. Both Walker and Seaton maintain their professionalism and wit throughout. This production is an honest look at the Canadian theatre industry, as well as theatre in general. The audience leaves feeling inspired, and with a better understanding of the human beings behind the characters seen on stage.

Actors! Canadian Actors Up Close and Personal runs until Saturday, November 24. Click http://www.ticketweb.ca/t3/sale/SaleEventDetail?dispatch=loadSelectionData&eventId=3182194) to buy tickets.

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