

3RD ANNUAL  
**48-HOUR**  
**QUEER-**  
**MUNITY**  
**THEATRE**  
**RACE**

**QUEER  
PLAY  
FESTIVAL**

**JUNE 8 & 9, 2024**

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This place is also the homeland of the Métis. At Persephone, we also like to acknowledge the contributions of the Whitecap Dakota and Round Prairie Métis peoples in establishing our city of Saskatoon. Persephone Theatre is located on Treaty 6 territory and is committed to living in good relations with our Indigenous neighbours, in the spirit with which the Treaties were intended.



# 48-HOUR QUEER- MUNITY THEATRE RACE

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The 48-Hour Queermunity Theatre Race was inspired, with permission, by Vancouver's much loved, *Theatre Under the Gun*, created and curated by Monster Theatre - thank you Monsters!

**Persephone Queermunity Event Team:**

Kristi Friday, Olivia Swerhone-Wick, and Heather Cant

**Persephone Queermunity Selection Committee:**

Saskatoon Pride, Kristi Friday, Olivia Swerhone-Wick, and Heather Cant

**Hosted by:**

Titus Androgynous

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## Host

**Titus Androgynous (they/them)** is a multi-disciplinary performer who has performed and created pieces in genres including drag, burlesque, sketch comedy, red-nose clown and Shakespeare. They have been performing nationally and internationally as a drag king for over a decade. Other performance credits include Heleno in *Ill Met By Moonlight*, The Writer in the web series, *La Ronde*, and online creation with Cahoots Theatre's ENBY Ensemble. Their most recent appearance was at the 2023 Toronto Fringe as Zeus in *Hermaphroditus*. Other creations include Dapper

the Genderqueer Clown, as well as multiple Shakespeare roles. Titus is also a singer and a writer and has published erotic fiction in the anthologies *Best Lesbian Erotica of the Year, Volume 6* and *I Write the Body*, with a few more pieces slated for publication this year.



## The ChokeCherries

**Felix Friesen (he/him)** – This year marks Felix's third consecutive Queermunity and he's excited and grateful to use his improv and musical skills to rep The Chokecherries yet again. Felix is a seasoned performer, having acted across the province in improv shows, staged performances, and as a character actor in the Tunnels of Moose Jaw. Felix is a Saskatoon-born, Métis, trans-man. He spends his time teaching children's vocal classes, learning about dinosaurs, and spreading the joy and love of the arts in the community.

**Nissan Gordon (They/Them)** – Returning again is writer and actor Nissan. Nissan enjoys partaking in arts and theatre in as many ways as possible, from performing, and writing to poetry, circus arts, and Photography. A Jamaican/Métis 2s Individual with a love of Saskatoon.



## Typical Tokens with Nothing of Note

**Cam** is 16 and has been participating in Saskatoon's art scene since they were 6! Recent acting/singing credits include: *The Trials*, *Contaminated* (Persephone's Young Company), *Christmas Memories*, *It's Show Time* (Fireside Singers) and *Anne of Green Gables* (McClure United Players). Cam is very interested in queer and art history. Through *Contaminated*, Cam realised they have a passion for self written/directed pieces. Outside of acting Cam is in grade 10 at Centennial Collegiate. They can often be found thrifting and reading poetry.

**Scott** is a young performer who has been doing theatre for a few years now. Scott got his start in highschool and Young Company: a theatre school for teenagers here at Persephone! He hasn't done theatre in an explicitly queer space before (but isn't theatre inherently queer if we're being honest?) but is excited to do so with his friends. If you like what Scott does, please, please, PLEASE check out *The Music Man* through Saskatoon Summer Players showing on the Persephone main stage June 13-23! Thank you!

**Heidi Terfloth (she/her)** is a queer writer, D&D nerd, cat-lover, tea-obsessor, and long-term thespian. She has participated in theatre across Saskatoon, mainly through Walter Murray Collegiate's musicals and one-acts festivals. Heidi is now a first-year at the USASK, and most recently performed in Young Company's *The Trials* and *Contaminated*.

**Lex Barry (they/them)** is a queer artist who, contrary to popular belief, is not actually 12. Recent acting credits include: *Falsettos* (Standout Productions), *Withering Youth*, *She Kills Monsters*, *The Trials*, *Contaminated* (Persephone Young Company), *The Full Monty* (SSP), *Homosexual Meleagris* (Queermunity), *The Wizard of Oz* (Musical Academy). They are also an avid Lego and puzzle builder, and just love working with their hands and just making things in general.



## Shenanigans

**Maximus Fleury (He/Him)** – A skilled artist and actor, as well as an imaginative writer. Has acted in multiple productions and is very efficient in working under short time constraints. Circle of Voices graduate.

**Ian Ninnie (He/Him)** – Previously an assistant stage manager for Mistikokamik of Horror, but also has experience in acting. Currently studying theatre with plans to join the University of Saskatchewan to further his education in the art form. Circle of Voices graduate.

**Aaron Okemaysim (He/They)** – Writer and newbie playwright. I'm skilled in working under constraints and limits. I've also been a self-taught composer for over 5 years. Have been studying the art of theatre for over a year and love acting. Circle of Voices graduate.

**Eviane Buffalo-Poorman** – Born in Whitecap Dakota First Nation with traces back from Kawacatoose and Laos. Expresses themselves in as many ways as they can including painting, animating, writing and other forms of art. Has the ultimate goal of being an Indigenous filmmaker and artist.



## The Snapdragons

**Cadence Fletcher** – Cadence (she/her) is in grade 10 at Aden Bowman. Her lovely girlfriend Kayla is on the team! She's been in a number of productions performed by her school, from taking part in the backstage crew to starring on stage. Cadence loves theatre and has been a Girl Guide for nine years. She loves wrestling and biking, and is a camp counsellor in the summers!

**Taya Marsh** – Taya is in grade 10 at Aden Bowman. She enjoys listening to music and

watching movies in her free time. Taya is very into drama: this year she directed a play for her school's fall production, Bowman Shorts! The crowd adored it. She loves cinnamon rolls and her dog.

**Kayla Smigelski** – Kayla uses they/she pronouns and is a lesbian. Her beautiful girlfriend Cadence is on her team! She loves her disabled cat Floppy, making jewelry, cheer, and dance. She is in grade 10 at Aden Bowman and has been involved in the performances there both as a tech crew member and as a performer. She is ready for this experience and can't wait to put her skills to work.

**Elize Taylor** – Elize (she/her) is a 17 year old lesbian who goes to Aden Bowman. She has loved anything to do with theatre since elementary school, and is also involved with choir and musical theatre. She loves her cats, doing her makeup, and writing poetry and music. She's full of ideas and ready to take on this exciting experience!





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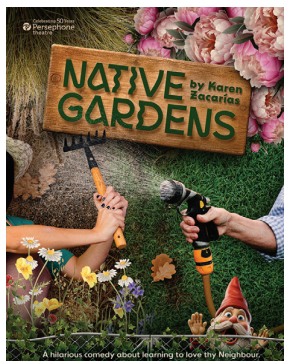
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