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For Immediate Release:



Realwheels Theatre to Release New Radio Play

Disability Tour Bus

Available to Stream on July 17, 2024

(Vancouver, B.C.) – Realwheels Theatre is excited to announce their new production, *Disability Tour Bus*, will be released as a radio play podcast and available for streaming on July 17 at www.realwheels.ca.

Written for podcast platforms by Amy Amantea and Rena Cohen, *Disability Tour Bus* follows Shiloh, a young wheelchair-user, as they navigate their first day as a guide for “Funcouver Bus Tours”. Working alongside longtime employee and relentless dad-joker, Hugh, Shiloh struggles to stick to the “Funcouver” script when so much of “Canada’s most wheelchair-accessible city” is still so incredibly inaccessible.

People and politics collide until a new passenger, Tess, comes aboard and offers unexpected common ground. The tour must go on! Because there’s someone special waiting for Tess at the end. At least she hopes there is.

“As a wheelchair-user, I’ve heard that whole ‘most accessible city’ line a lot,” says Realwheels Co-Artistic Director, Adam Grant Warren. “It’s a big part of the reason I moved to Vancouver from the other side of the country. I’ve been here for sixteen years now. After hundreds of busted elevators, torn up sidewalks and too-full buses, I know Vancouver has a lot of work to do. Access-wise it means well, but it’s a mess sometimes. For me, that’s one of the most interesting tensions in this project: the attempt to create access when no one thought to ask what those of us who are looking for it actually need.”

Credits for *Disability Tour Bus*:

Playwrights: **Amy Amantea & Rena Cohen**

Director: **Rena Cohen**

Dramaturg: **Dennis Foon**

Producer: **Jordyn Wood**

Stage Manager: **Kayleigh Sandomirsky**

Sound Designer/Editor: **Malcolm Dow**

Poster Graphic Designer: **Marie Hoyt-Pariury**

Photographer: **Rashi Sethi**

Cast:

Lenard Stanga as HUGH

Cadence Rush Quibell as SHILOH

Amy Amantea as TESS

Mack Gordon as PARKER/TOURIST/DAVE

Caitlyn Bairstow as FEMALE VOICES (various)

Ian Hanlin as MALE VOICES (various)

Lauren Jackson as FEMALE VOICES (various)

Media can download publicity images for *Disability Tour Bus* at <https://shorturl.at/uwnHl>.

For more information on Realwheels Theatre, please visit the following platforms:

Website: www.realwheels.ca

Facebook: [@RealwheelsTheatre](https://www.facebook.com/RealwheelsTheatre)

Instagram: [@realwheelstheatre](https://www.instagram.com/realwheelstheatre)

YouTube: [RealwheelsTheatre](https://www.youtube.com/RealwheelsTheatre)

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About Realwheels Theatre:

At Realwheels Theatre, we invite Vancouver's, Canada's, and the world's most compelling creators to explore the complex and nuanced experience of disability with us. We challenge long-held stereotypes of representation with stories that never tokenize; never explain or justify our lives as people with disabilities or disabled people; and never offer tidy lessons in acceptance or perseverance. Instead, we invite our artists and audiences to come with us as we discover new ways to tell stories that are as rich, full, and varied as we are. www.realwheels.ca

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