

FACTORY THEATRE

FACTORY THEATRE FALL 2026 FEATURES A PRODUCTION WITH DAVID SUZUKI, RUTAS INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF PERFORMANCE, THE RETURN OF HOLIDAY! AN IMPROVISED MUSICAL, AND FINALE OF LESTER TRIPS (THEATRE)'S AWARD-WINNING TRILOGY

(Toronto, ON – August 4th 2026) **Factory Theatre** is proud to announce its fall 2026 Programming, curated by outgoing Artistic Director **Mel Hague** and Factory's Interim Leadership Team, **Rachel Penny**, **Kalale Dalton-Lutale** and **Mollie Garrett**. Factory is bringing an exciting, eclectic mix of festivals, thought provoking stage productions, and night - out favorites from long time collaborators and new partners to its Adelaide and Bathurst home.

Factory is pleased to kick off the fall with the return of the **SummerWorks Performance Festival** from August 6th – 16th, featuring a work-in-process sharing of **Lester Trips (Theatre)'s Provisions**, an ecstatic horror piece following a micro-gig worker who accompanies an agentic AI to an abandoned factory on the moon to retrieve the cast, crew, and data from a failed reality tv show before they all suffocate, and **Soft Squishy Things** by **Ghost River Theatre** and **Macromatter**, a lo-fi sci-fi odyssey following a lone, trans-fem astronaut building a fragile universe from everyday objects. Both works will be presented in the Factory Studio Theatre. Factory is excited to activate the theatre with SummerWorks' annual closing party on August 16th.

Factory is also proud to co-present the Spanish language premiere of **Mujer Venado | Deer Woman** with **Aluna Theatre** and **ARTICLE 11**, a part of Aluna's 7th edition **RUTAS International Festival of Performance** taking place from September 24th to October 4th in partnership with both Factory Theatre and **Theatre Passe Muraille**. **Mujer Venado | Deer Woman**, onstage October 1st – 3rd, tells the story of Lila, an Indigenous ex-army warrior avenging her baby sister's murder while exercising the skills taught by the Canadian government. The festival will bring an array of national and international performances that do not shy away from the difficult, controversial, or magical, to Factory's Studio Theatre.

The season continues with ***What You Won't Do For Love***, a celebrated and heart-warming **Why Not Theatre** production starring Drs. David Suzuki and Tara Cullis presented by Factory Theatre on Factory's mainstage October 21st + October 22nd. The show is part of an 8-city North American tour, featuring internationally renowned environmentalists David Suzuki and Tara Cullis in an intimate and inspiring theatre experience that promises a rare behind-the-scenes look at a life shaped by deep love, commitment, and the courage to act as they reflect on their extraordinary 50-year partnership in life and activism.

In addition to these onstage offerings in October, Factory is partnering with **Native Earth Performing Arts** to support the workshop stream of Native Earth's festival ***Weesageechak Begins to Dance 39***, supporting projects in early stages of development for artists seeking to explore their project without the pressure of a public presentation.

In November, Factory's Studio Theatre will be home to the full world premiere of ***Provisions***, a Lester Trips (Theatre) Production in association with Factory Theatre running from November 13th – 29th, rounding out a multi-year collaboration between the two companies. ***Provisions*** will complete the award-winning, critically acclaimed body horror trilogy Lester Trips (Theatre) presented at Factory following ***Honey I'm Home*** and ***Public Consumption***, the former of which enjoyed a sold out run in 2024 and the latter of which was nominated for Outstanding New Play and took home the award for Outstanding Lighting Design at this year's 2026 Dora Awards.

Bringing Factory's fall 2026 season to a raucous close will be a return of audience favourite and 2024 Dora Award Nominee ***Holiday! An Improvised Musical***, a **Bad Dog Theatre** production in association with Factory Theatre, onstage December 10th – 19th. ***Holiday!*** takes its inspiration from Stephen Sondheim's *Company* to bring you the only party you'll need. Based on suggestions from the audience, the cast weaves together a series of improvised vignettes and songs exploring love, relationships, and the true meaning of the season. Factory's Studio Theatre walls will once again echo with the improvised musical stylings of the Bad Dog cast, and this iteration of ***Holiday! An Improvised Musical*** is as usual not to be missed.

For Kalale Dalton-Lutale, Factory Theatre's Associate Artistic Director and part of the Interim Leadership Team, fall 2026 at Factory is a celebration of its long commitment to the theatre's presenting partners and the importance of community: "Factory's strength is in our community of rigorous, curious and energized artists, and this fall season is no exception. We're so proud to be sharing this season alongside such excellent partners, offering such a delectable variety of work to our audiences. We can't wait to see you all at the theatre".

Most standard tickets for Factory Theatre fall 2026 productions will be \$42 including taxes and fees and \$28 for access tickets (Seniors/Students/Artswriters).

Factory has much more in store for 2027 and will announce its spring programming this winter.

FACTORY THEATRE FALL 2026 PROGRAMMING

SummerWorks Performance Festival

August 6th – 16th

Presented by SummerWorks in partnership with Factory Theatre

RUTAS International Festival of Performance curated by Beatriz Pizano

September 24th – October 4th

Presented by Aluna Theatre in partnership with Factory Theatre and Theatre Passe Muraille

Mujer Venado | Deer Woman by Tara Beagan

September 24th – October 4th

Produced by ARTICLE 11 with Aluna Theatre and co-presented with Factory Theatre

Presented as part of the Rutas International Festival of Performance

What You Won't Do For Love starring David Suzuki and Tara Cullis

October 21st + October 22nd

A Why Not Theatre production presented by Factory Theatre

Weesageechak Begins to Dance 39 Workshop Stream

October 2026

Presented by Native Earth Performing Arts in association with Factory Theatre

Provisions by Lauren Gillis and Alaine Hutton

November 13th – 29th

A Lester Trips (Theatre) Production in association with Factory Theatre

Holiday! An Improvised Musical created and directed by Jan Caruana

December 10th – 19th

A Bad Dog Theatre Production in association with Factory Theatre

Founded in 1970 as “home of the Canadian playwright,” Factory is evolving into a multidisciplinary destination for live performance where Canadian theatre meets a multiplicity of artistic forms and voices. This new vision is led by Factory’s new artistic leadership, which will be announced on August 17th.

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