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JUNE  
-  
AUGUST  
2023



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# WELCOME TO ACT II OF OUR 2023 SEASON



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**The artists and staff of Soulpepper and the Young Centre for the Performing Arts acknowledge the original caretakers and storytellers of the land on which we are situated – the Wendat, the Haudenosaunee, and the Anishanabek First Nations, including the Mississaugas of the Credit. We commit to honouring and celebrating their past, present and future.**

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# A MESSAGE FROM THE ARTISTIC AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS



Dear Friends,

Welcome to Act II of our season: Summer of Song.

We are proud to present an exciting program of musical experiences that will take you from the fire escapes of Montreal to the wilds of Mesopotamia to the Motor City and beyond.

This summer will also see the launch of our new outdoor concert series, *Live From The Stage Door* held on select Friday nights in the intimate setting of our hidden courtyard.

Beyond the walls of Soulpepper we are incredibly proud to be a producing partner on the world premiere of Scott Joplin's *Treemonisha* at The Bluma Appel Theatre as part of the 2023 Luminato Festival. This reimagining of the Pulitzer Prize-winning Opera, once thought to be lost forever, is the sole surviving opera by the "King of Ragtime".

We look forward to welcoming you to our space.

**Weyni Mengesha**  
Artistic Director

**Gideon Arthurs**  
Executive Director

Cover illustration: Gracia Lam.  
Above: Gideon Arthurs & Weyni Mengesha. Photo: Dahlia Katz.

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JUN 14  
-  
JUN 25

A SOULPEPPER CONCERT REMOUNT

# THE SECRET CHORD: A LEONARD COHEN EXPERIENCE

CREATED BY FRANK COX-O'CONNELL,  
MARNI JACKSON & MIKE ROSS

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*Soulpepper's hottest concert is back!*

Soulpepper's tribute to one of Canada's most beloved artists returns after several sold out engagements. Leonard Cohen constantly reinvented himself throughout his long career, helping generations of fans understand the changing society around them. His extraordinary life, music, and poetry will be celebrated by a remarkable company of artists.

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THE  
SLAIGHT  
FAMILY

DIRECTED BY

Frank Cox-O'Connell

PERFORMED IN

The Marilyn & Charles Baillie Theatre



**Hailey Gillis**  
Photo: Daniel Malavasi



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JUL 25  
-  
AUG 6

CANADIAN PREMIERE

# KING GILGAMESH & THE MAN OF THE WILD

CREATED BY AHMED MONEKA,  
JESSE LAVERCOMBE AND  
SETH BOCKLEY

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*The oldest story ever recorded like you've never seen it before.*

*King Gilgamesh & the Man of the Wild* is a hybrid theatre-music production featuring Soulpepper Academy graduate Ahmed Moneka and Jesse LaVercombe alongside celebrated Arabic-maqam fusion band, Moneka Arabic Jazz. A present-day story of friendship interweaves with the ancient Mesopotamian Epic of Gilgamesh, and along the way traces Ahmed's real-life journey from exiled Iraqi actor to acclaimed musician in Canada. Featuring themes of art, ambition, sex, fatherhood, mortality and identity, this two-man epic spans centuries, cultures, and continents in a moving, funny, tragic, and ultimately celebratory performance.

**ARRIVES AT SOULPEPPER HOT OFF A SOLD-OUT  
NEW YORK & MINNEAPOLIS TOUR!**

DIRECTED BY

Seth Bockley

PERFORMED IN

The Michael Young Theatre

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AUG 9  
-  
AUG 20

WORLD PREMIERE SOULPEPPER CONCERT

# DETROIT MUSIC OF THE MOTOR CITY

CREATED BY FRANK COX-O'CONNELL,  
TRAVIS KNIGHTS AND ANDREW PENNER

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## *Celebrate the soundtrack of Detroit's history!*

Detroit was once called 'The City of the Future'. It was built on the innovation of Henry Ford and later gutted by the collapse of the automotive industry. 20<sup>th</sup> century Detroit is more than the story of collapse and rebirth, it's also a story about the music that captured the world's attention: 'The Sound of Young America.'

Soulpepper regulars Frank Cox-O'Connell, Travis Knights and Andrew Penner use the many genres of music that came out of Detroit (Motown, Jazz, Hip Hop and Detroit Rock to name a few) to explore the city's history from the assembly line to abandoned factories and the resilient sounds of today's Detroit.

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**Travis Knights & Divine Brown**

Photo: Barry McCluskey



JUN 6  
-  
JUN 17

**LUMINATO AND TO LIVE PRESENT:**

## **SCOTT JOPLIN'S TREEMONISHA**

**SCOTT JOPLIN BOOK AND LIBRETTO ADAPTED BY LEAH-SIMONE BOWEN, CO-LIBRETTIST: CHERYL DAVIS, CO-ARRANGERS: JESSIE MONTGOMERY AND JANNINA NORPOTH**

A 21st-century reimagining of the sole surviving opera by the “King of Ragtime”. The new work combines original source material from *Treemonisha* (c.1911) with the artistry of major Black artists working today in Canada, the United States and the UK. Presented by Luminato and TO Live this world premiere opera will be produced by Volcano Theatre, in association with Souleppper Theatre, Canadian Opera Company and Moveable Beast.

**DIRECTED BY**

**Weyni Mengesha**

**PERFORMED IN**

**St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts -  
Bluma Appel Theatre**



SELECT  
FRIDAYS  
STARTING  
JULY 14  
AT 9PM

## LIVE FROM THE STAGE DOOR

CURATED BY FRANK-COX O'CONNELL

Our new outdoor music series Live From The Stage Door begins July 14 at 9pm and will be curated by Frank-Cox O'Connell, performers will be announced each week and admission will be \$10 at the 'stage door'. You can expect to see some familiar Soulpepper Concert favourites in the lineup.

PERFORMED IN

Soulpepper's Courtyard

## JUNE 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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30 KING (1:30)	31					

## AUGUST 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 KING (7:30)	2 KING (1:30/7:30)	3 KING (7:30)	4 KING (7:00)	5 KING (1:30/7:30)
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**ACT I**  
SIZWE – Sizwe Banzi is Dead

**ACT II**  
COHEN – The Secret Chord:  
A Leonard Cohen Experience  
DETROIT – Detroit: Music of the Motor City  
KING – King Gilgamesh & The Man  
Of The Wild

🕒 OPENING NIGHT PERFORMANCE  
✦ PREVIEW PERFORMANCE

# TICKET PRICING

TICKET PRICE	FACILITY FEE	SERVICE CHARGE	H.S.T.	TOTAL
\$65	\$3.75	\$5.50	\$9.65	\$83.90
\$45	\$3.75	\$5.50	\$7.05	\$61.30
\$25	\$1.25	\$2.50	\$3.25	\$32.50

## PRICING FOR ALL SHOWS:

- PREVIEWS – \$25 & \$35
- OPENING NIGHT AND ONWARDS – \$25, \$45, \$65

Fees and taxes are in addition to base cost

## ADDITIONAL WAYS TO SAVE:

- FREE 25 & UNDER PROGRAM – OPEN TO BOOK PREVIEWS TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE. POST OPENING NIGHT YOU CAN BOOK THE DAY OF  
SUPPORTED BY SUN LIFE FINANCIAL
- RUSH – \$30 “DAY OF”
- ARTSWORKERS TICKETS – \$25 “DAY OF”
- GROUP & STUDENT DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE

**FOR MORE INFO VISIT: [SOULPEPPER.CA/WAYSTOSAVE](http://SOULPEPPER.CA/WAYSTOSAVE)**

## ALL THEATRES ARE WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE

Please call the Box Office to book accessible seats and additional details.  
Visit [soulpepper.ca](http://soulpepper.ca) for detailed seating maps.

### HOW TO GET YOUR TICKETS

**ONLINE**  
[soulpepper.ca](http://soulpepper.ca)

**BOX OFFICE**  
In person: Tue-Sat, 1-8pm

**PHONE**  
416.866.8666

**SOULPEPPER THEATRE COMPANY**  
Young Centre for the Performing Arts  
50 Tank House Lane, Toronto, Ontario M5A 3C4

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# EDUCATION & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



## QUEER YOUTH CABARET

JUNE 23 @ 7:30PM • JUNE 24 @ 1:30PM & 7:30PM

Queer Youth Cabaret is an annual live performance featuring 2LGBTQIA+ youth. Selected artists develop their artistic voice through masterclasses, mentorship and directorial support from established Queer artists and educators in the weeks leading up to the final showcase. Queer Youth Cabaret is a Pride month celebration like no other!



## CITY YOUTH ACADEMY

JULY 10 – AUGUST 18, 2023

Ten selected young artists ages 16-19 participate in a six-week theatre and performance intensive that inspires their creativity and supports their artistic growth. City Youth Academy offers youth the opportunity to learn from Soulpepper artists and industry professionals, build confidence on stage, and make art as an ensemble! Not only is this program free to participate in, but the young artists also receive a weekly stipend for their participation, making this a unique theatre training opportunity in the city.

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## SUMMER MIXTAPE

JULY 17 – AUGUST 11, 2023

Through a mix of music, movement, playwriting and acting, Black youth participants ages 14-19 create theatre while building a community of creative peers. Over the summer, youth are introduced to Black-Canadian professionals working in the performance and arts industries, take field trips across the city to cultural institutions and present a final showcase for friends and family.

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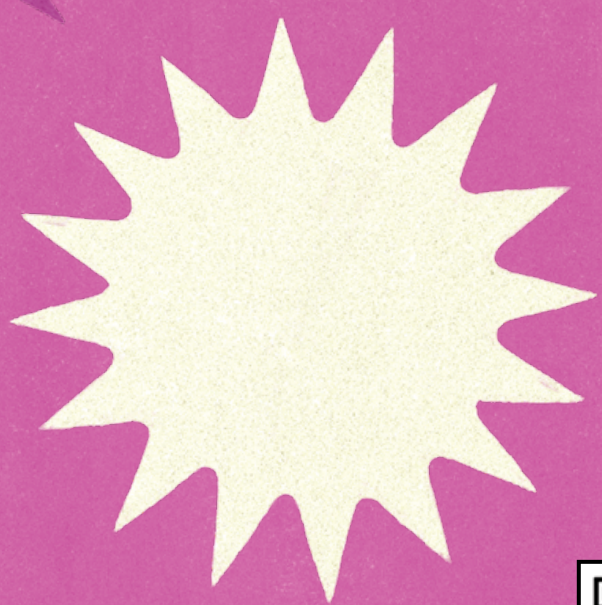
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