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Couple from Ottawa performing their queer love story in this year's Winnipeg Fringe

Maggie Harder and Meghan Burns met in June 2020, and have been dating ever since. They celebrated their third anniversary by putting pieces of their love story (as well as a musical number, a comedy set and a therapy session) on stage in three Fringe festivals across the country (Ottawa, Winnipeg and Edmonton). These Fringe newbies have already sold out shows in <u>Ottawa</u>, and won the Ottawa Fringe "Spirit of the Fest" award.

The two met at Carleton University, while doing their respective degrees (they both did undergraduate studies in Public Affairs and Policy Management, Maggie specializing in International Policy, Meghan specializing in Development Policy). Their show is an exploration of moments in their relationship, and also touches on wider systemic issues that play a factor in their relationship, such as fatphobia and internalized misogyny.

"Always Because: The Adventures of Maggie and Meghan" is playing nine shows between July 20-30 at The Dave Barber Cinematheque (100 Arthur St). Advance tickets can be purchased on the Winnipeg Fringe <u>website</u>. Tickets are also available at the door (cash only), with discounts available for youth, seniors, students and folks who attend dressed in drag. Tickets to Winnipeg Fringe shows are \$12, with all proceeds going directly to artists.

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