



# Kateryna and Havrylo

By **Claire Borody**

**JULY 13-24, 2022**

*Venue #2- MTC Up the Alley*

*An elderly Ukrainian-Canadian couple on fantasy adventures!*

**WINNIPEG, June 23, 2022-** Kateryna and Havrylo are an elderly Ukrainian-Canadian couple who find themselves on unexpected fantasy adventures. What begins with ordinary rural Manitoban activities, like mushroom picking or ice fishing, quickly turns into other-worldly encounters. Using only their wits, they escape Mushroom Henchmen, a King Fish and the dreaded Baba Yaga. Comedic, fun and adventurous, *Kateryna and Havrylo* is sure to delight audiences while celebrating Ukrainian heritage so prominently ingrained in Manitoba's culture.

Inspired by stories her father used to tell her and her brother as children, playwright and director **Claire Borody** created *Kateryna and Havrylo* as a way of honouring family memories and Ukrainian-Canadian culture. Originally a single play, the characters quickly took on a life of their own motivating a large-scale project. Three, of a set of four, fantasy scenes will be presented during this year's Winnipeg Fringe Theatre Festival. Influenced by commedia dell'arte and other forms of classic comedy, *Kateryna and Havrylo* features highly physical, larger than life characters.

All company members are graduates of the University of Winnipeg theatre program and all performers took Devised Theatre with **Claire Borody** during their studies. The cast and crew represent a range of former students from over the past ten years. **Rachel E Smith** plays the role of Kateryna and **Anthony Ferens** plays the role of Havrylo. Both have been involved with the development of the play for several years. Rounding out the cast are **Satara Subedar**, **Ben Robinson Hoppa** and **Sarah Struthers** who collectively play thirteen fantasy characters. The company is completed by **Anika Dowsett** as the stage manager and artistic collaborator.

It was apparent from the first rehearsal that Borody had put together a well-rounded and accomplished company. A group of former students spanning the years, eager and ready to work collaboratively, inspired by each other's bold character choices and focused on discovering ways in which to make an already humorous script even more hilarious. The company is excited to be able to share these stories and characters with audiences.

*Kateryna and Havrylo* is playing at Venue #2: MTC Up the Alley. Tickets are \$12 and are available at the door or in advance at: <https://www.winnipegfringe.com/performer-detail.aspx?kw=Ce-Lee+Productions>

**Show times:** Thu July 14 2:30pm, Fri July 15 6:15pm, Sat July 16 2:45pm, Sun July 17 8:00pm, Mon July 18 11:15am, Wed July 20 9:45pm, Fri July 22 2:45pm, Sat July 23 4:45pm, Sun July 24 2:15pm.

**For photos visit:** <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/ieuk1j8m6slbn39/AAC2A44x21dg2gxs68Ymcjxfa?dl=0>

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