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# WINNIPEG FRINGE THEATRE FESTIVAL

PROSPERITY MULE PRODUCTIONS AND THE WINNIPEG FRINGE THEATRE FESTIVAL PRESENT:



**VENUE:** The Studio at Théâtre Cercle Molière (340 Provencher Blvd. Winnipeg, MB R2H 0G7)

*Showtimes: July 13 - 8:00 PM, July 14 - 6:30 PM, July 15 - 8:00 PM, July 16 - 6:30 PM, July 17 - 7:00 PM,  
July 20 - 7:45 PM, July 21 - 6:30 PM, July 22 - 8:00 PM)*

Tickets available at [www.winnipegfringe.com](http://www.winnipegfringe.com)

### **ABOUT 'THE DISNEY DELUSION':**

Award-winning comedian and playwright Leif Oleson-Cormack pushes confessional comedy to its limits in this (unfortunately) true story about a methodically moronic plan to double-down on unrequited love.

In the summer of 2008, comedian Leif Oleson-Cormack received an intriguing email from a long-standing unrequited crush named Arthur, proposing they go on vacation to Mexico together. The wording is intriguing, borderline romantic, but Leif is well aware that Arthur's wandering eye will have him competing against every beach body along the coastline. With this in mind, Leif suggests an alternate destination where the competition will be less fierce: Disneyland. "Because who is he going to hook up with there? A family of four?"

Arthur reluctantly agrees to the terms and Leif begins to plot an elaborate honeymoon for a relationship that doesn't even exist yet, believing that the more epic and cinematic he can make their vacation, the greater the chance they'll fall in love.

Once they arrive in LA on the historic night Barack Obama wins the presidency (yes, this was also part of the "plan"), Leif's carefully orchestrated machinations quickly go off-the-rails after the introduction of a plastic-surgery addicted sugar daddy, a professional Frank Sinatra impersonator, and the incoming results of California's Prop 8 bill combine to create a truly chaotic and dangerous evening that will test the unbalanced nature of their friendship.

### **PRAISE FOR THE DISNEY DELUSION:**

*"Leif Oleson-Cormack shows how two things — storytelling skill and pure fearlessness — can make for truly captivating theatre... It really is his rawness and willingness to reveal things very few people would ever admit out loud, never mind in front of an audience, that makes this the best thing I've seen so far at the Fringe. 4 ½ stars (out of 5)"*

- Fish Griwkowsky, [The Edmonton Journal](#)

*"The Disney Delusion is masterfully told, and annotated liberally with smart observational humour by Oleson-Cormack, a winsome performer, spontaneous and engaging."*

- Liz Nichols - [12thnight.ca](#)

*Nominated for the Just for Laughs Prize for Best English Comedy at the 2022 Montreal Fringe Festival*

### **ABOUT THE PERFORMER:**

Before venturing into the world of standup comedy, Leif Oleson-Cormack was an award-winning Juilliard-trained playwright who designed video games for a living. Since then, he's been performing his tightly written, storytelling-driven style of comedy for audiences all across North America. He was the winner of the 2019 Calgary FunnyFest Comedy Competition and has been featured in the Park Slope Comedy Festival, The Edmonton Fringe Festival, and the District Queer Comedy Festival. His play *Dead Peasants* was the winner of 2012 Samuel French Canadian Playwriting Award and he is a two-time recipient of the Lecomte du Nouy Prize from Lincoln Center.

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