

# AWOL

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### RibbitRepublic Theatre

March 14, 2026 | 8pm

March 15, 2026 | 3pm

ACT Arts Centre | Mainstage Theatre

Maple Ridge, BC

### Cyril doesn't like old people, which is a shame because he is one.

When he learns his estranged granddaughter, Lily, has her big break with her thrash metal band, Abscess, he and his octogenarian friend Neville are determined to show up and support her. Neither of them will ever be the same again. AWOL is a buddy adventure caper about two men who decide they've had enough of bland food, dull company and care home radio.

### About the Artists



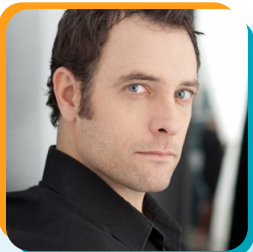
#### Rob Gee - Writer and Performer

UK-based comedian, poet and former mental health nurse, **Rob Gee** has had several hit shows on the Canadian fringe circuit, including Forget Me Not: The Alzheimer's Whodunnit ("A one-man triumph"). He's performed at over a hundred international fringe festivals and won over twenty awards for his solo shows. He's won numerous poetry slams, including the Edinburgh Slam, BBC's Why Poetry Matters Slam, the UK Arts Council's Lit Up Slam and the Orlando Poetry Smackdown.



#### Jonathon Paterson - Writer and Performer

**Jonathon Paterson** has been working in the theatre industry for over thirty years. He studied both performance and production at MacEwan University in 1997, where he co-founded the independent touring theatre company, RibbitRePublic. This company has a twenty-five-year touring record around North America and has played at various festivals, including the Fresno Rouge Festival, Canoe Theatre Festival and Just for Laughs Comedy Festival.



#### Ryan Gladstone - Director

**Ryan Gladstone** is founder and artistic director of Monster Theatre and creator of numerous fringe hits. Ryan holds a BFA in Acting from the University of Calgary, an MFA in Directing from the University of British Columbia and is a ten-year veteran of Calgary's Loose Moose Theatre.