



OBIT
a deathly serious comedy
An ALONE TOGETHER PRODUCTION at the
2017 Vancouver Fringe Festival MainStage
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A DEATHLY SERIOUS COMEDY ABOUT LIFE GETS UNEARTHED AT THE FRINGE

Vancouver – So exactly when do people find themselves passing over the travel section of the weekend paper and skipping straight to the obituaries? Is obituary reading a morbid fascination or just facing up to our own looming exit off the mortal coil?

Writers Cathy Collis and Simon Roberts take a look at life through the lens of that curious cultural oddity—the obituary notice—in their darkly comic new work, **OBIT: a deathly serious comedy** playing the Vancouver Fringe Mainstage venue, the Cultch Historic Theatre, this September. The show opens Saturday Sept 9 at 7:35pm and runs for 6 shows over the 10 day festival.

In three wryly funny, character rich scenes, Collis and Roberts peel back the public face of the tributes to soccer coach and divorcing dad Derek, suburban Mom Shirley and pillar-of-society businessman Richard now battling Alzheimer's, to reveal their real lives and their sometimes buried pasts.

The first-time playwrights share some comedy acting and writing credits and awards between them and say they're excited to be part of the "test kitchen" experience of seeing how **OBIT: a deathly serious comedy** resonates with Fringe audiences. "We're writing from some of our own weirdly comic experiences of loss and exploring that 'how do we get to be remembered?' question that comes up in the face of one's own mortality."

The Collis-Roberts team is also helming this production, working with Vancouver area actors Rich Archer, Dave Campbell, Tracy Jennissen, Marianne LaRochelle, Ray Soden and newcomer Marnie Mahannah.

THE CULTCH HISTORIC THEATRE/1895 Venables St./Sept 7-17, 2017/OPENING NIGHT:
Saturday Sept 9 @7:35pm / Sept 11 @8:05pm / Sept 12 @ 7:45pm / **HALF PRICE SHOW** Sept 14 @ 5:00pm/ Sept 16 @ 12pm / Sept 17 @ 8:30pm / **Tickets \$14 available at the Vancouver Fringe Festival Website** <https://tickets.vancouverfringe.com>

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