

Rob Gee presents

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Verbal



Written and performed by Rob Gee. Directed by Gemma Ablewhite

Venue 9: Planetarium Auditorium. Comedy/Spoken Word. Running time 60 minutes. Contains strong language.

Peruse the menu, pick a poem and enjoy!

UK-based comic, poet, and ex-mental health nurse Rob Gee has won a silly amount of poetry slams and now the audience chooses his set list.

Rob's Fringe successes (AWOL, Fruitcake, Forget Me Not, Icarus) have won 26 awards between them. This year he's returning to his core skill: stand-up poetry.

In this unique show, the audience is given a menu with a series of titles to choose from. The choice and running order of poems is then determined by requests from the audience: people simply shout out the name of the poem they want to hear next.

"Brimming with anarchistic joy... it's typical Gee: combining gleeful subversiveness with poignant observations about the human condition... it works wonderfully." **Victoria Times Colonist ★★★★★**

Rob said, "I love doing it this way. Each show will be very different and there's no chance of me boring myself."

Rob has been performing poetry for thirty years. Poetry slam victories include the Edinburgh Slam, BBC Two's Why Poetry Matters Slam, the UK Arts Council's Lit-Up Slam, and the Orlando Poetry Smackdown. He leads comedy workshops in mental health settings and is sometimes sent into schools as a warning to children.

"A tornado of hilarious stories, Seussian poems and observational comedy." **CBC ★★★★★**

"Wild... wonderful... exuberant... wild-limbed... genius!" **Winnipeg Free Press ★★★★★**

Verbal Tapas is at **Venue 9: Planetarium Auditorium**, 190 Rupert Ave at the following times:

Thurs July 18th, 6:00pm	Sat July 20th, 4:00pm	Mon July 22nd, 2:30pm	Tues July 23rd, 9:45pm
Thurs July 25th, 2:30pm	Fri July 26th, 9:45pm	Sunday July 28th, 8:00pm	

Tickets \$14 (\$10 age 25 and under) available from winnipegfringe.com or from Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre Box office, 174 Market Ave. For more information ring 204-942-6537 or go to winnipegfringe.com.

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