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Playing this summer at the Toronto Fringe Festival!



"...poignant, comic and engaging."
- *San Francisco Chronicle*, Robert Hurwit

"Galligan's treatment of a down-and-out Vivi is hilarious."
- *SF Weekly*, Michael Scott Moore

Viva Vivi!

Starring Diana Galligan & Sam Ruano
Directed by Victoria Goring
Written by Diana Galligan
Video creation and direction by Simon Fraser
Music by Jim Clayton

It's 1927. Vivi Vitaly is a huge star of the silent screen. Except the screen isn't so silent anymore. Down and out never sounded so good.

Staged as a film from the 1920s, it's a silent comedy that follows Vivi from stardom to poverty. A Toronto-based writer and performer, Diana Galligan created based the story on her experiences.

Viva Vivi! was inspired when Diana Galligan had to close her web development company after the "dot com crash". With a pile of debt and no hope in sight, she used the last bit of space on her credit card to sign up for clown classes with John Turner and Mike Kennard (a.k.a. Mump and Smoot) and take another kick at performing. Galligan says, "If I was going to go broke, I'd do it with something I love – making people laugh."

Best of the Fringe – Volunteer's Choice Award
San Francisco 2004

Helen Gardiner Phelan Playhouse
79A St. George Street (South of Harbord)

Show times

Thursday, July 3rd - 11:00 PM
Saturday, July 5th - 3:30 PM
Sunday, July 6th - 8:45 PM

Wednesday, July 9th - 5:45 PM
Thursday, July 10th - 3:30 PM
Friday, July 11th - 7:30 PM
Saturday, July 12th - 12:30 PM

Tickets: \$10



Toronto's Theatre Festival

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