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### The Next Folding Theatre Company Announces Upcoming Season

The Next Folding Theatre Company is excited to announce their upcoming 2022 season, which will kick off with the production of a new play by New Brunswick theatre artist Jake Martin, entitled *Snakes are Cool*. This show will be presented at the Charlotte Street Arts Centre on Jan. 14-15 at 7:30 p.m. The season is intended to continue in the fall of 2022.

“We’ve decided to come back during the pandemic, because right now people need to be able to laugh together,” says Next Folding’s Artistic Producer Ryan Griffith. “We’ve programmed this comedy to hopefully give people a chance to do this.”

*Snakes are Cool* will be the first show produced by Next Folding since the company went on hiatus after the production of *Songs of a Seer* in March 2018.

“This season is going to extend over a period of three years. It marks a return to theatre for us,” says Griffith. “We are going to be producing shows that spark joy for us and there won’t be too much of a connective tissue other than that. We’re going to be producing shows that inspire joy.”

*Snakes are Cool* sees Next Folding Alumni Jake Martin return to the company. “Next Folding has always felt like a bit of a home company for me and I wouldn’t be the artist I am today without it so yes I am thrilled to be able to make some weird Next Folding magic again,” Martin says. “I was a part of Next Folding’s very first show back in 2010 and I ended up doing so many shows with them I’ve lost count.”

Martin continues, “*Snakes Are Cool* is a collection of sketch comedy material that I have been working on and performing in Toronto over the past few years. Originally the idea was to create a solo sketch show that I could tour and do at festivals around the country but as we’ve been working on it it’s expanded into a bit more of a solo(ish) sketch show. I think there are a lot of brilliantly funny people in Fredericton but there hasn’t been a lot of sketch comedy. I’m excited to do something a little different.”

“We’re very excited to be developing this original New Brunswick script, to add to the canon of New Brunswick theatre” Griffith says. “New Brunswick has a rich culture and a vibrant history and it deserves better representation on the world’s stages. By building original New Brunswick works, we move towards this goal.”

To reserve tickets please email to [artisticdirector@nextfolding.ca](mailto:artisticdirector@nextfolding.ca). More details of *Snakes are Cool* and future shows will be published as they become available on Next Folding’s website, [www.nextfolding.ca](http://www.nextfolding.ca)

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