



Theaturtle in partnership with Shakespeare in Action Presents:

# *Alphonse* *By Wajdi Mouawad*

ONTARIO TOUR, August 2021



**Toronto, ON** - [Alphonse](#), a one-person show by Canada's most acclaimed contemporary playwright **Wajdi Mouawad**, will be returning to Toronto and other venues across Ontario this summer, including [Barrie's Talk is Free Theatre](#), [Huntsville Festival of the Arts](#), and [Brampton's Rose Theatre](#). It will be performed by **Gabe Maharajan** (they/them) and directed by multi-award-winning **Alon Nashman** (he/him).

*"When we're little no one tells us very much, so we **imagine**."*  
(opening of *Alphonse* by Wajdi Mouawad)

**The Story:** Alphonse is lost, walking along a country road, weaving an intricate web of stories, while everyone is searching for him: parents, friends, teachers, the police. What they find is the thing we often have to give up in order to grow up.

The **Theaturtle** production of *Alphonse* has been performed all over the world, including the Edinburgh Festival Fringe and the South Africa's National Arts Festival. It was one of North America's first live performances of a play after COVID-19 closed stages in 2020.

**Theaturtle & Shakespeare in Action** are thrilled to reunite to celebrate the resurgence of the performing arts in Toronto. *"Last summer, in the midst of the pandemic, almost 1000 residents of Toronto safely enjoyed a live performance of Alphonse in two Toronto Parks. This year, it is a great honor for us to be taking Alphonse to outdoor spaces throughout the province!"* says **Valeriy Kostyuk**, Theaturtle Associate Producer (he/him).

*Alphonse* will be performed by Montreal-based actor and creator **Gabe Maharjan** (*The Great Gatsby*, *Talk is Free Theatre*, *E-TRANSFERS*, *Buddies in Bad Times*). Gabe was shortlisted for the Playwrights Guild of Canada 2020 Emerging Playwright Award for *Eva in Rio*. **Alon Nashman**, Artistic Director of Theaturtle, has won awards and accolades for his performing and directing across the country and internationally. He has worked on six of Wajdi Mouawad's plays, including a Dora-nominated performance in *Scorched* at Tarragon Theatre and in Stratford Festival's *Birds of a Kind*.

### **On the Theaturtle production of Alphonse:**

\*\*\*\* *"It's the sound of theatre making a gradual, but triumphant return."* - **NOW Magazine**

\*\*\*\* *"A Runaway Theatrical Success."* - **Globe and Mail**

\*\*\*\* *"Heartpoundingly great theatre."* - **Toronto Star**

\*\*\*\* *"In a festival that is nothing if not a celebration of the imagination, the play suggests we should nurture and cherish the endless possibilities of childhood fantasy."*  
- **The Scotsman, Edinburgh.**

## Summer Tour Schedule:

**August 1st at Memorial-York Park (Little Avenue) (2:00 pm)**

**August 5th-8th at 801 Big Bay Point Road (Barrie, Ontario) (6:00 pm)**

\*\*Tickets for Barrie performances can be reserved [here](#).\*\*

**August 18 (7:00 pm) and August 19 (2:00 pm) at River Mill Park, Huntsville**

Huntsville Festival of the Arts

\*\*Tickets for Huntsville performances will be on sale soon.

**August 21st at Shenkman Arts Centre (Ottawa, ON) (6:00pm)**

\*\*Tickets for Ottawa performance will be on sale soon.

**August 25th- 29th at Chinguacousy Park (Brampton, ON)**

evening performances at 6pm, afternoon performance at 3pm, friday evening performance at 7pm

\*\*Tickets for Brampton performances can be reserved [here](#).\*\*

**Strict Safety Protocols** will be in place that follow Public Health Ontario guidelines, under the supervision of Toronto Public Health. **Tickets can only be obtained online at the links above.**

**Creative Team**

Written by: Wajdi Mouawad

Translated by: Shelley Tepperman

Artistic Direction by: Alon Nashman

Performed by: Gabe Maharjan

Sound by: Verne Good

Set and Costume by: Lindsay Anne Black

Produced by: Shakespeare in Action & Theaturtle

**Shakespeare in Action** is a professional theatre and arts education company that makes the language and stories of Shakespeare accessible, fun and relevant for children, youth, and their families for over 30 years. As the resident professional theatre company at the Artscape Weston Common, Shakespeare in Action is dedicated to growing performing arts experiences for residents of northwest Toronto. [https:// www.shakespeareinaction.org/](https://www.shakespeareinaction.org/)

**Theaturtle** was established in 1999 by Artistic Director Alon Nashman to create essential, ecstatic theatre that touches the earth and ignites the soul. We develop work slowly and carefully, plodding like the turtle, then glide into international waters to share our Canadian-made, physically and musically robust theatre. [www.theaturtle.com](http://www.theaturtle.com)

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