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## ARTS CLUB THEATRE COMPANY ANNOUNCES CAST AND CREATIVE TEAM FOR [ME LOVE BINGO!: BEST IN SNOW](#)

Created and Hosted by Kyle Loven  
with Leslie Dos Remedios, Jenna Klein, and Joey Lespérance

**December 1, 2022–January 1, 2023 (Media opening: December 7)**

**IN BRIEF** The Arts Club Theatre Company's production of [Me Love BINGO!: BEST IN SNOW](#) plays **December 1–January 1** at the [Newmont Stage at the BMO Theatre Centre](#), 162 West 1st Avenue, Vancouver. Tickets from \$25. More info at [artsclub.com](http://artsclub.com)

**VANCOUVER, B.C. (November 1, 2022)**—Grab your daubers and settle in for a holiday experience like no other! *Me Love BINGO!: BEST IN SNOW* makes its way to the **Newmont Stage at the BMO Theatre Centre**, playing **December 1–January 1**.

Join your drag-clad host (**Kyle Loven**) and guest assistants (**Leslie Dos Remedios, Jenna Klein, and Joey Lespérance**) in a campy adventure with games, wacky prizes, sweet tunes, and lots of surprises. Taking the old-timey game of luck and adding hilarious storytelling and a whole lot of heart, *Me Love BINGO!: BEST IN SNOW* brings audiences on an inclusive and collective journey filled to the brim with laughs, community, and connection.

Since its inception in 2014, the *Me Love BINGO!* project has been presented in Seattle, Portland, Vancouver, Kelowna, and Victoria—from bike repair bars in Portland and converted churches in Kelowna to Strathcona's Russian Hall and the Vancouver Art Gallery. Past themes have taken audiences on road trips, to the World Championships of Bingo, and all over the calendar to celebrate many a holiday. This brand-new version for the Arts Club amps up the shenanigans with even more delights and features four talented local cast members—the largest group of performers yet.

On the history of *Me Love BINGO!* and this latest festive instalment, creator, star, and director Kyle Loven said, “*Me Love BINGO!* began in my living room as a simple way to bring people together. Throughout its evolution, including this newest and biggest version for the Arts Club, the experience has always been about community-building. As a queer person who really loves the holidays, I’m excited that we get to offer a very unconventional festive gathering: one that invites everyone to the table.”

Arts Club's Artistic Director **Ashlie Corcoran** also added, “The piece presents itself as a ridiculously fun drag bingo extravaganza—but beneath the layers of silliness and levity lives a sophisticatedly constructed and moving piece. Guided through this work by Kyle's generosity, grace, and wit, audience members are sure to have an unforgettable experience!”

### ABOUT THE PLAYWRIGHT

Kyle Loven (*he/him*) is a queer performance and visual artist based on the unceded territories known as Vancouver. His work combines both constructed and found objects, unconventional storytelling, and various art forms with the human



presence. His live performances have been seen in Amsterdam, Taipei, New York, Vancouver, Minneapolis, Seattle, Portland, and other North American cities. His work has premiered at leading US performance spaces such as the Guthrie Theater and On the Boards. Recent Canadian presentations have included those at the Vancouver Art Gallery, Magnetic North Theatre Festival, UNO Fest, and Living Things Festival. Kyle is the recipient of grants from the Jim Henson Foundation and Canada Council for the Arts, among others. Awards include the Innovation in Puppetry Award at the National Puppetry Festival.

#### CAST

**Kyle Loven** (Host), **Leslie Dos Remedios** (Performer #1), **Jenna Klein** (Performer #2), **Joey Lespérance** (Performer #3)

#### CREATIVE TEAM

**Kyle Loven** (Director), **Julie Hammond** (Dramaturg & Directorial Consultant), **Ted Roberts** (Set Designer), **Donnie Tejani** (Costume Designer), **Harika Xu** (Lighting Designer), **Mary Jane Coomber** (Sound Designer), **Devon Vecchio** (Stage Manager), **Elyse Wall** (Apprentice Stage Manager)

#### SHOWTIMES + SPECIAL PERFORMANCE

Tue–Thu at 7:30 PM, Fri & Sat at 8 PM, Wed at 1:30 PM, and Sat & Sun at 2 PM

Holiday showtimes: Tue, Dec 20, at 1:30 & 7:30 PM; Wed, Dec 21, at 1:30 & 7:30 PM; Thu, Dec 22, at 7:30 PM; Fri, Dec 23, at 2 & 8 PM; Sat, Dec 24, at 2 PM

Tuesday Talkback: Tue, Nov 15, at 7:30 PM

VocalEye Performances: Tue, Nov 22, at 7:30 PM, and Fri, November 25, at 8 PM

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#### ABOUT THE ARTS CLUB THEATRE COMPANY

The Arts Club, one of the largest not-for-profit theatre companies in the country, is the principal gathering place for the theatrical arts in British Columbia. Comprising three unique venues across Vancouver, the Arts Club welcomes more than a quarter million guests annually, tours provincially and nationally, and engages students and artists alike through educational and professional programs.

Above all, the Arts Club is dedicated to the advancement of local artists telling stories from around the globe and, in particular, those of our region. From this, we believe that culture expands, an understanding of differences is nurtured, and art bursts forth. The Arts Club was founded in 1964 and is currently led by Artistic Director Ashlie Corcoran and Executive Director Peter Cathie White.

The Arts Club is situated on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the [xʷməθkʷəy̓əm](#) (Musqueam), [Skwxwú7mesh](#) (Squamish), and [Selilwílulh](#) (Tsleil-Waututh) nations.

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