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Event: SPANK!

Dates: October 7 – 20, 2006

Pay-what-you-can Preview: Friday, October 6th at 8 pm

Opening Weekend: Saturday, October 7th at 8 pm (opening night) and Sunday, October 8th at 8 pm

Tuesdays (2-for-1) - Saturdays at 8PM / 2-for-1 Matinees: October 14 and 15 at 3PM

(No public performance October 11th -- sold out private event)

Venue: Roundhouse Community Arts and Recreation Centre, 181 Roundhouse Mews (Davie @ Pacific)

Tickets: \$24/\$20 (plus applicable service charges)

Available at Tickets Tonight at 604.231.7535 or www.ticketstonight.ca

Information: <http://www.thevirtualstage.org/spank.htm>

The Virtual Stage Presents the World Premiere of Andy Thompson's Absurdist Sci-fi Comedy SPANK!

Vancouver, BC... Continuing to challenge the boundaries of theatre and film, The Virtual Stage is pleased to present the world premiere of the absurdist sci-fi comedy **SPANK!**, incorporating an innovative approach to stagecraft that employs mixed media in the rarely seen on stage genre of science fiction.

SYNOPSIS: A lonely, renegade genetic researcher injects himself with a DNA-altering prototype intended to make him enlightened, only to learn that his life is not what it appears. As his genetic composition unravels, so too does this light-hearted romp to the heavens. **SPANK!** is a comedic meditation on the unlimited power of an underdeveloped mind--for the angel (and devil) in all of us.

Written and directed by twice Jessie Theatre Award nominated playwright Andy Thompson, **SPANK!** features Sasa Brown, Natalie Kardum, Raphael Kepinski, Yuriy Kis, Una Memisevic, Peter New and Peter Wilson. The impressive design team includes Jessie Award winners Patrick Penefather (composition and sound design), Cat Mudryk (set design), and John Popkin (lighting design) along with Enigma Arcana and Cat Mudryk (costume design), Tallis Kirby (rigging design), James Foy (rigging operator), Jamie Nesbitt (visuals design), Jason Daigneault, Greg Ditson, Adam Jones (3D visual elements) and Jamie Griffiths (live rendering design). **SPANK!** is stage managed by Jaimie Tait with dramaturgy by John Murphy.

Warning: some vulgar language and mature content.

SPANK! runs October 7th to 20th with a pay-what-you-can preview performance Friday, October 6th at 8 pm and opening Saturday, October 7th at 8 pm (opening night gala) and Sunday, October 8th at 8 pm at the Roundhouse Community Centre in Yaletown. Show times are Tuesday through Saturday at 8 pm with 2-for-1 3 pm matinees on October 14th and 15th. No performance on October 11th due to a sold out private show. Tickets are available at Tickets Tonight by calling 604.231.7535, online at www.ticketstonight.ca, or at the Tickets Tonight box office.



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