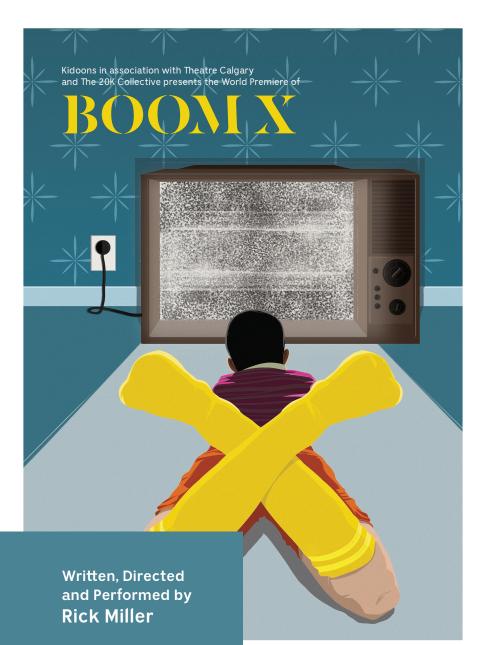
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We are grateful to have the opportunity to present in this territory. Welcome friends.

I am Generation X, born in 1969. The 70s and 80s defined me, and an entire generation.

Thank you, Rick Miller, for taking us on an amazing trip back to a beloved era.

Stafford Arima



Stafford, sometime in the 80s

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"I want to hear some small moment from your life that proves you're really alive."

- Douglas Coupland, Generation X: Tales for an Accelerated Culture (1991)



e all search for meaning, in one way or another. We want our little lives to be part of a bigger picture, which is why some of us are drawn to storytelling – the great connective tissue of the human race.

This is the 2nd in a trilogy of shows designed to tell a big-picture story: 75 years of history in this corner of our planet. If BOOM was the story of my parents' generation, BOOM X is the story of my own generation, dubbed "Generation X". What that means, and whom it represents, is up for debate. What is not up for debate is that we're a relatively small demographic, on the thin edge between hordes of "Baby Boomers" and "Millennials". This precarious position, though, gives GenXers a unique perspective, one that can hopefully keep building bridges and breaking through walls.

BOOM X, at its core, is a search for identity: of a person, a country and a generation. No matter how young you are, or where you come from, I hope you find yourself reflected in one of its many shiny surfaces.

Explosively yours,

Rick Miller *Writer*



Photo of Rick Miller by Irina Litvinenko.



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BOOM X runs 120 minutes, including one 20 minute intermission.

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BOOM X was commissioned by Theatre Calgary in 2017, and is produced by Kidoons and WYRD Productions, in association with The 20K Collective. It was developed over a series of workshops at Banff Centre for Arts & Creativity and Ex Machina's La Caserne in Quebec City: March 2017 (Banff writer's residency), Feb 2018 (Quebec workshop), March 2018 (Banff residency), and Nov 2018 (Quebec workshop). A work-in-progress performance was held on March 24th at the Harvie Theatre in Banff, and the world premiere was held at the Theatre Calgary's Max Bell Theatre on January 18, 2019.

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BOOM X has been a labour of love for over 2 years, and there are many people to whom we owe thanks:

leff Lord, and Kidoons Stafford Arima, Lesley MacMillan, and the team at Theatre Calgary Janice Price, and the team at Banff Centre for Arts & Creativity Ex Machina, and the team at La Caserne Lucie Bourgouin and Michael Perlmutter Andrew Lis, and his new pal, Gene Simmons Members of Rick's band TRAINWRECK **Creighton Doane** Marie Gignac A. Chandimal Nicholas Mark Bulgutch **Michael Levine** Jaclyn Seidman, Goodmans LLP Terry Mosher Larry Weinstein and Alexina Louie Peter Anthony Holder

The four main characters in *BOOM X* have been inspired by true stories generously shared by: Antje Budde Mark Kingwell Sebastien Heins Ravi Jain Sean Devine Deena Aziz Frédéric Lacombe Myriam Kamehiro Johnny Leroux Irina Litvinenko Craig Francis And Stephanie Baptist, Rick's onstage and offstage partner for 25 years.

Finally, a heartfelt *merci* to the Miller and Baptist families. They've provided inspiration, support and a diamond mine of photos and videos that glow at the heart of *BOOM X*.

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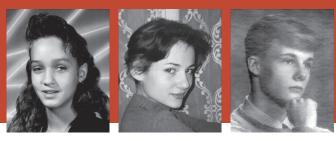
Rick Miller is a Dora and Gemini award-winning writer/director/actor/musician/educator who has performed in five languages on five continents and who Entertainment Weekly called "one of the 100 most creative people alive today". He has created and toured solo shows such as the hit sensation *BOOM*, *MacHomer*, and (w. Daniel Brooks) *Bigger Than Jesus* and *HARDSELL*. With Robert Lepage, he has collaborated on *Geometry of Miracles, Zulu Time, Lipsynch*, and on the film *Possible Worlds*. As the artistic director of WYRD Productions and co-creative director of the Kidoons Network, Rick has most recently developed *BOOM* and its sequel *BOOM X*, and (w. Craig Francis) *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under The Sea, GAME of CLONES, Jungle Book,* and *Frankenstein*; as well as animated series that educate, enlighten, empower and entertain young people. He often teaches an interdisciplinary class at the University of Toronto called *The Architecture of Creativity*. Rick is from Montreal, and lives in Toronto with his partner Stephanie Baptist and their two daughters.

Bruno Matte — Lighting Design

Bruno Matte was born and raised in Quebec City, and graduated from Cegep Limoilou in 2005 in audiovisual design. A music enthusiast, he began his professional career as a lighting designer for concerts. He began working with local artists, then moved to international acts ranging from Richard Séguin to Charlotte Cardin to Cypress Hill to Daniel Lanois. In an effort to expand his creative research, Bruno began working on several bold theatre productions. Whether with Ex Machina or Kidoons, he found ways to seamlessly integrate lighting with video, under very rigourous technical constraints. His spatial design exploration continued in the world of dance, where he has worked with several La Rotonde choreographers on productions such as Alan Lake's *Les Caveaux*. Bruno now regularly designs for the circus, which seems a natural fulfillment of his experience in music, theatre and movement. In productions ranging from Flip Fabrique or Machine de Cirque, the complexity of the work allows him to keep refining his craft.

Nicolas Dostie — Projection Design

An accomplished director, editor and visual artist, Nicolas Dostie studied Media Arts and Technology with a focus on television. With the arrival of the digital era in 2002, he became interested in large-scale architectural projection, and helped design the multimedia for the highly visual spectacle *Cavalia*. His design career then pushed him more and more into the worlds of theatre and circus. Most notably, he worked for Ex Machina and Robert Lepage, on *Le projet Anderson*, the *Jeux de Cartes* series, *887* and most recently, *Kodō*. Considered one of the pioneers in architectural projection, Nicolas has worked on the 2014 Sochi Olympics (with Pixmob), and the Cirque du Soleil productions *Delirium*, the *Michael Jackson* world tour, and *Varekai*.



Virginie Leclerc

Irina Litvinenko

Craig Francis

Virginie Leclerc — Costume, Props Design

After a Bachelor's degree in theatre and cinema from Université Laval, Virginie went on to study scenic design at Conservatoire d'Art Dramatique de Québec. She was the first recipient of the design scholarship Théâtre Blanc-Desjardins. She received Quebec's Prix d'excellence des arts et de la culture for costume designs on *L'asile de la pureté* (2009) and *Fin de Partie* (2012), as was nominated for *Cyrano de Bergerac* (2008) and *Dans la République du Bonheur* (2015). For Ex Machina, she toured with *La Celestina* (2004), designed props for *La Tempête* (2011), *Jeux de Cartes : Pique* (2012), *Coeur* (2013) and *Lipsynch* (2007), where she met Rick Miller. She is also a frequent designer with other renowned Quebec-based companies, including Théâtre de la Bordée, Théâtre Périscope, Théâtre du Trident, and Carrefour international de théâtre de Québec. Virginie is delighted to be co-designing BOOM X, her first Kidoons/WYRD production.

Irina Litvinenko — Multimedia Design

Irina Litvinenko is an accomplished creative artist, graphic designer, and video production artist. Irina has been a longstanding collaborator with Rick Miller and Craig Francis, including as Multimedia Designer for *Jungle Book* and *BOOM X*; assisting on onscreen multimedia and DVD production for *MacHomer* and its educational Animated Shakespeare videos, brand design for *BOOM* and *BOOM X*, and video sequences and design elements for *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under The Sea*. As a web and video artist, Irina is a designer, animator, and production editor of the Kidoons Network animated series. She has worked on advertising and multimedia campaigns for Performing Arts Centers across Canada and the US; for shows from BOWFIRE to Carol Burnett; and campaigns including TELUS, Cirque Musica, and the University of Kentucky Opera.

Craig Francis — Stage Manager (Jan. 15-18), Dramaturg

Craig Francis is a writer, illustrator, performer, and multi-disciplinary creator, whose works are enjoyed by millions of people worldwide. A founding member of the 20K Collective, he is the co-author and co-director with Rick Miller on the productions *Jungle Book, GAME of CLONES*, and *Frankenstein*, as well as their Stage Manager. He's the co-author and Stage Manager of the theatrical adaptation of *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under The Sea* (directed by Miller), and a producer, designer, and Stage Manager for Miller's solo productions *BOOM* and *BOOM X*. Craig is co-creating reimagined adaptations of *Wizard of Oz, Rose Red*, and an *Animazia* animated series. Craig illustrates the cartoon characters for the Kidoons Network videos (as well as writing and voicing them), which are on display at museums in 4 provinces, with millions of views. Craig performed TheatreSports and improv comedy internationally for 12 years; stage credits include *The Refugee Hotel* (Teesri Duniya/Segal Centre). He lives in Montreal, where he has illustrated several books, and been a commentator on radio and TV.



Laurel Oneil

Laurel Oneil — Stage Manager (Jan. 19 - Feb. 9)

Laurel is excited to be working on *BOOM X*. She has worked across Canada, but has been working as the resident stage manager at Stage West Calgary for the past eleven years. Select credits include: *BOOM* (Theatre Calgary & Thousand Islands Playhouse), *Jersey Boys, Legally Blonde, Rock of Ages, Avenue Q, The Producers, Game Show, 39 Steps, Chicago, Spamalot, Young Frankenstein, Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story* (Stage West), and the opening ceremonies for the 2014 Alberta Summer Games. Laurel has also taught stage management at the University of Lethbridge. She would like to thank her family and friends for their unending love and support.

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Theatre Calgary is pleased to announce that board member Ali Shivji is the 2018 recipient of the esteemed Arnold Edinborough Award at the 40th Annual Business/Arts Awards Gala, held at the National Arts Centre in Ottawa. The Arnold Edinborough Award recognizes a young business professional (40 and under) who has demonstrated exemplary volunteer leadership and volunteerism in the arts.

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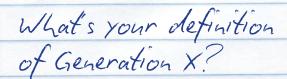
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Check out the full Generation X timeline in our Play Guide online at theatrecalgary.com

People Try To Put Us Down Just Because We G-G-G-Get Around

By Jenna Turk, Artistic Associate

enerational naming has existed for quite some time from the GI Generation (those who were during the Great Depression teenagers and fought in World War II) to the Silent Generation (those who were too young to fight in World War II but too old to participate in the fun of the Summer of Love), but it really gained popularity with the Baby Boom. Baby Boomers (born post-World War II and who grew up in the face of the Vietnam War and active in the civil rights movement) embraced their label, wearing it with pride. The generation that followed, Generation X, is deemed by Rick Miller, performer/creator of *BOOM X*, as a cusp generation - caught between the big band of boomers and the massive mob of **Millennials**

However, there is another generation caught on the cusp, those born in the years between Generation X and Millennials, whose question is inevitably: Where do I fit? Fortunately, in 2014 a new label was coined, **Xennials**: A blending of the names Generation X and Millennials, meant to bridge those caught sandwiched by the disaffected angst-ridden Gen X and the blindly confident optimistic



Generation X by Douglas Coupland



Candy Crush





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Millennials. A microgeneration of those born between the late 1970s and the early 1980s, Xennials refers to those who had an analog childhood, but a digital adulthood. Growing up, we (full disclosure: I was born in 1984) played Capture the Flag on playgrounds (made out of wood and metal) not Candy Crush on iPads, we know what it was to agonizingly wait for the internet to dial-up (Sshhh-ka-ching-ka-ching-eeeeeeee-wahh-ka-shhhhhhhh), and we remember our parents watching Tom Brokaw on the nightly news to stay informed – not refreshing their Twitter feed.

Xennials simultaneously appreciate the return of the grunge fashion aesthetic (its original plaid icons being Nirvana's Kurt Cobain and *My So-Called Life*'s Jordan Catalano), while recognizing its irony. We live for nostalgia (put on a Raffi LP, grab some mason jars, and let's can some jam!), but we will also wait in line for the latest iPhone. We acknowledge the tastiness of avocado toast, but hold ourselves above true hipsterdom. Xennials find balance, offer a unique perspective, and nurture harmony between generations: We are Xen.



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— Spotlight ^{on} DRESS CIRCLE

Boom X – Dress Circle Interview with Glenna Jones & Michael Sherman

Glenna, an engineer with Cona Resources, has lived in Calgary since 1992. Michael, a native Calgarian, is an entrepreneur and has businesses around the world from manufacturing clothing to software and now into the yoga business.

How long have you been subscribers with the theatre?

We've subscribed since 1997 and now our whole family has made a tradition of coming to the *A Christmas Carol*. Our kids measure all other versions of the story to the Theatre Calgary production saying "it's the best because Stephen Hair is Scrooge".

Why have you chosen to support the theatre through a Dress Circle membership?

We believe that supporting the theatre here and now is important to make sure it continues to be something we have in our city. With a Dress Circle membership you can support the theatre and treat yourself to all the benefits that come with your membership, so we all win with that. The theatre gets the donation, and you get benefits like wine in the W.O. Mitchell Room. We feel that even with the Dress Circle it still is a reasonable amount to pay for the quality of plays we see at the theatre.

Does it help that we can arrange a payment plan for both your tickets and your membership?

Yes, absolutely! It helps to spread the payments out to better match how we get paid. It makes paying for the membership painless and in that regard enhances the value.

If there was one thing about being a member of the Dress Circle that people should know, what would that be for you?

It makes the evening just so much more intimate for us and our guests. We get to go into the W.O. Mitchell Room, have a glass of wine, talk, sit and relax. We feel more comfortable talking together in the room than we would out in the busy lobby. Being in the W.O. Mitchell Room gives you that opportunity to connect with the people you've come to the show with and that's something you don't get being out of the hub-bub of the lobby. It changes the pace of the evening and gives us an opportunity to have a more intimate conversations with our guests.

Do you think performing arts are needed in our community?

They are absolutely needed. A play can give you that "vacation" from life and help you to disconnect from things that are happening at work or home. On the other hand, the arts can expose you to different ways of life which can be a good thing, even if that topic is uncomfortable for you because it's not in line with your way of thinking. That kind of exposure can be a way of starting a dialogue on difficult or important issues. Live theatre offers a whole different level of mental engagement.

Do you feel that your Dress Circle Membership brings you closer to the art and a gives a feeling of being part of Theatre Calgary?

Being a member of the Dress Circle makes us feel special! We think the behind-the-scenes events are great because they give such insight into the plays and they really do make you feel more connected to the art; we also love meeting the artists up close and personal.

Is there something else you'd like to add?

Attending the theatre for us has become multi-generational. We started coming to the theatre because of our parents and now we are bringing our children. When they first started coming they really weren't that keen, now it's something they look forward to doing.

Step closer to the art Join us in The Dress Circle

Enhance your experience on your theatre nights in our private bar, and enjoy invitations to join us for "members only" behind-the-scenes events. Joining the Dress Circle is a "win win" way to support Theatre Calgary and step closer to the arts by enjoying all the benefits;

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- Exclusive access to our member lounge, the W.O. Mitchell Room before the show and during intermission
- Complimentary alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverage service
- Complimentary ice cream treats at intermission
- Invitations to behind-the-scenes events
- Complimentary tickets to A Christmas Carol
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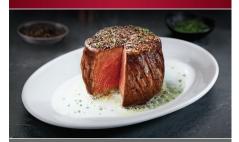
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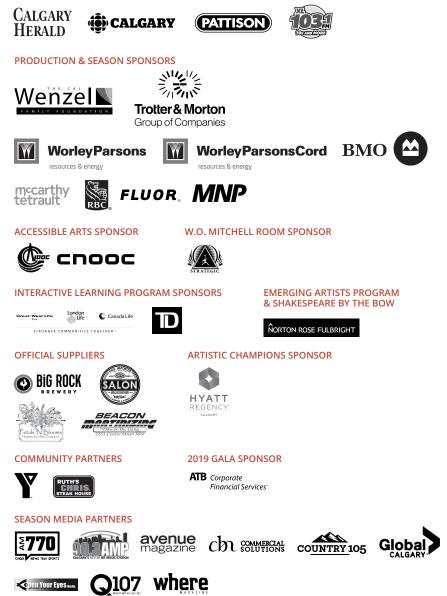
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