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THROUGH THE BAMBOO
Written by Andrea Mapili and Byron Abalos
Directed by Nina Lee Aquino
Toronto Fringe
July 3 - 14, 2019 at Factory Theatre

Inspired by Philippine mythology, **Through the Bamboo** is an action-packed adventure about the value of storytelling, and how families deal with loss. The world premiere of **Through the Bamboo** will take place at the Toronto Fringe July 3 - 14, 2019 at the Factory Theatre Mainspace.

When Philly's Lola (grandma) dies, she finds herself in the fantastical land of Uwi. Will Philly be able to end the reign of the Three Sisters, find her Lola, and bring her back home? **Through the Bamboo** is a Filipinx-Canadian tale suitable for the whole family 7+, told in the style of The Wizard of Oz, The Chronicles of Narnia, and Alice in Wonderland while rooted in Philippine mythology.

Saving the world - one grandma at a time!

Directed by **Nina Lee Aquino** (Artistic Director, Factory Theatre and 2019 recipient of the Margo Bindhart and Rita Davies Award), **Through the Bamboo** is co-written by wife and husband team **Andrea Mapili** (*Cassettes 100*) and **Byron Abalos** (*Good Morning, Viet Mom*) who met and fell in love at the first ever Next Stage Theatre Festival at the Factory Studio Theatre.

"We wrote this play to fill a void. We wanted to write a Filipino play for young audiences; an epic tale featuring Philippine mythology that featured women, young and old, as the central characters. After experiencing death and loss in our own family, we were inspired to write a play about grieving from a child's perspective," said **Andrea Mapili** and **Byron Abalos**.

Through the Bamboo
Toronto Fringe
Factory Theatre, 125 Bathurst Street
Wednesday, July 3, 8:15pm
Friday, July 5, 9:30pm
Sunday, July 7, 6:15pm

Monday, July 8, 7pm
Thursday, July 11, 2:30pm
Saturday, July 13, 6:15pm
Sunday, July 14, 12pm

\$13 General Admission tickets go on sale June 6

<https://fringetoronto.com/fringe/plan-your-festival/tickets-pass-info>

For more information, please visit: throughthebamboo.ca

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