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JOSEPH SCRIMSHAW'S MOST EXCELLENT and LAMENTABLE "TRAGEDY OF YOU"

A HALF-SCRIPTED, HALF-IMPROVISED SHAKESPEAREAN TRAGEDY BASED ON THE REAL LIFE OF A RANDOM AUDIENCE MEMBER!

Critically acclaimed writer and stage performer, Joseph Scrimshaw, weaves the real life ambitions and tragic flaws of the audience volunteer into a sophisticated, complex mad-lib story of murder, madness and comedy! Featuring original music performed live by Dennis Curley!

***Tragedy of You* will play at The Bryant-Lake Bowl Cabaret Theater at 810 W Lake St in South Minneapolis. The dates and times are:**

**EVERY FRIDAY in APRIL
Friday, April 3rd; Friday, April 10th; Friday, April 17th; Friday, April 24th
ALL SHOWS ARE AT 7 PM
(Doors open for dining, drinking at 6 PM)**

Tickets are \$14. \$12 with Fringe Festival button. Tickets can be purchased online at bryantlakebowl.com or by calling the box office line at 612-825-8949.

After the success of the long running interactive hit "Adventures in Mating", Joseph Scrimshaw continues his experiments with combining interactive elements and traditional theater. *Tragedy of You* will follow the five-act plot structure of a Shakespearean tragedy such as *Hamlet* or *Macbeth*. The show examines what strengths and weaknesses connect all people by replacing the royal protagonist with the life of an actual audience member. What kingdom will they rule? Who will they ruthlessly murder? What tragic flaw will bring about their inevitable destruction?

In addition to the audience-based protagonist, the show will also feature several other Shakespearean character archetypes including but not limited to: the wise old man, the clown, the traitorous friend, the doomed love interest, and the invading Norwegian!

WHAT'S DIFFERENT ABOUT THIS SHOW? WHY SHOULD I CARE?

- A unique combination of scripted theater, storytelling and improvisation
- Pushes audience interactive genre to meld with traditional theater in a new way
- A fresh take on Shakespeare—it focuses on the rarely discussed *structure* of the plays
- Directly involves the audience in the process of crafting the show

Tragedy of You is written and performed by Joseph Scrimshaw. Joseph has produced multiple top ten best selling shows at the MN Fringe Festival including this year's second best-selling show, *An Inconvenient Squirrel*. Joseph is now an internationally produced playwright with works appearing in Chicago, New York, Seattle, the UK and Bulgaria.

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