

THIS IS A VERY SERIOUS PRESENTATION ABOUT AN
IMPROVISATION TRAINING EVENT THAT IS BEING
ORGANIZED FOR THE INTENDED PURPOSE OF
BENEFITTING THE GODERICH COMMUNITY AND
COUNTERACTING POTENTIAL ISOLATIVE FACTORS
THAT ARE DELETERIOUS TO THE SOCIAL WELL-
BEING AND THE GENERAL FABRIC OF OUR TOWN
AND ITS SURROUNDING AREA.

THIS PRESENTATION IS TO BE READ QUIETLY ALONE
BY THOSE WHO HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN
SUCH A TRAINING OPPORTUNITY.

OCTOBER 11, 2024

just kidding!! FIRST THINGS
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SECOND THINGS SECOND.....

YOU WANT TO DO IMPROV???

AMAZING!!!!

I LOVE IMPROV!!!

I think it is such a beautiful art-form and truly transformative.



Golly where are my manners?

I'm Patrick!! We may have met before. If not, I'm so pleased to cross paths with you.

This is me last night (October 10, 2024) on the Mensetung Bridge with the northern lights.

Amazing, ya?



Oh no!! I misspelled this!! I meant Menesetung. I love the Menesetung Bridge and I love the Menesetung River. In improv, we embrace our mistakes!! That's where the good stuff is!!

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I'm a theatre school grad and I also graduated from the Second City Longform Improv Conservatory in Toronto.

I was a member of the Making Box improv company in Guelph for several years. I freaking loved it. I took classes there, I taught, I accompanied on piano. It was a beautiful time. I performed a lot!

Before that, back in 2007 I first got started with the Bob Loblaw Queer Comedy Improv Troupe and Theatresports in Vancouver. What a magical time that was!!!

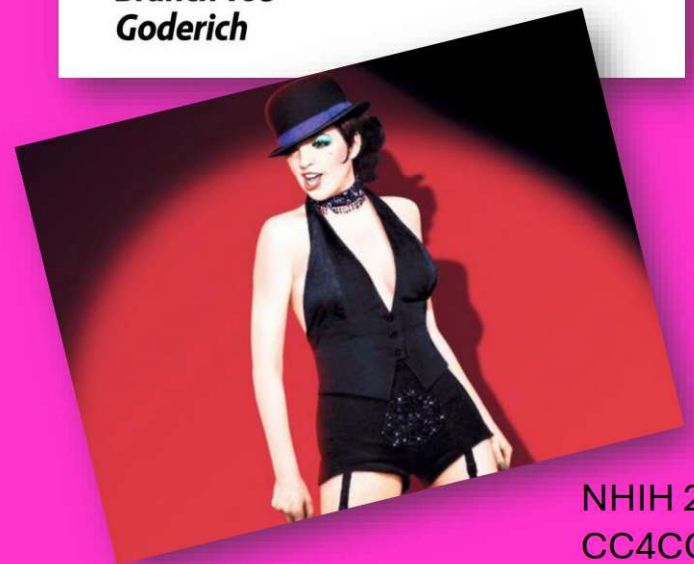
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You may have heard that I'm organizing a Community Cabaret for Caring and Camaraderie (CC4CC) happening on November 23, 2024 at the Royal Canadian Legion Goderich Branch #109.

I want to help you dive into improv and maybe you want to perform at the cabaret?

Or maybe you don't! It doesn't matter!!

We just have fun and enjoy each other's company!!



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The Community Cabaret for Caring and Camaraderie (CC4CC) will be hosted by my boss, the Countess de Huron, Mikuria Vandersnatsch.

I'm her Executive Assistant.

She refers to me as her "familiar" but I'm trying to encourage her to downplay the whole vampire thing.

Don't worry. She's plant-based. She's besties with Glenda the Good Witch from Wizard of Oz. Mikuria is from Louisiana. She's really sweet. This will all make at least partial sense later.

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Improv is so special.

It's all about having fun together. It's all about supporting each other and saying YES! to each other's ideas even when they don't make a tonne of sense at first.

Improv teaches us to respond to what is **actually happening** right now!

It's about being present with each other and celebrating each other's quirky little ways that make us so unique.

It's all about community and camaraderie.

Which makes it perfect for this event!!



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Or “Thanks but no thanks.”

Improv is really the opposite.

It says things like

“Whoa! Weird! Let’s explore that more!!”

Or “I never thought about it like that!! Let’s jump in!”

At the core of it is the key phrase: “YES...AND!...”



You truly never know what you're going to get with improv.

But sometimes it is so wildly magical. Sometimes you look back and think “Did that actually just happen?” or “Whaaaaa??? Did we secretly write that ahead of time but didn't know it??” or “GIVE ME MORE!!!”



So here's our starting point....

Monday evenings in the Jubilee Room (the top floor) of the Goderich Legion, Branch #109

56 Kingston St, Goderich

Most likely starting October 21 and running until November 18, 2024.

We are sorting out exact times. Brian [REDACTED] is your main contact. This whole cabaret is blossoming super quickly so I've got my hands really full with organizing. You're sure to have lots of questions so I've asked Brian to send them to me in batches for anything he can't answer right away.



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There is no cost associated with this!!

I only ask that you consider donating to the Legion Building Fund. We will make sure it is easy for you to do so if you feel good about that.

The Legion has been an amazing partner throughout this whole experience. Please if you can donate to the building fund please do!!



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Improv is all about inclusion!!

This whole cabaret is about community and celebrating each other and the care that we have for one another.

The Jubilee Room is fully accessible. There is an elevator in the Legion that reaches each of the three levels.

Anyone requiring any accommodation of any type, please just let us know by whatever means feels comfortable for you. We will work together!

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We will figure out our ground rules together. Some people are surprised to learn that there are actually rules in improv!

I like to think of it like we figure out the boundaries of our sand box....and then we get to play in the sandbox!

Here are some ground rules that are really important:

- 1) Consent overrides all. In improv we say “yes and!” all the time. But you don’t have to “yes” if something feels wrong.

We want to stretch our comfort zones to find more comfort in self-expression. But some things are a no-go zone for some people. We respect that. Without question. No explanation required.

- 2) We are inclusive. We can explore challenging and even upsetting situations on stage. We can play characters with morals that are way different from our own. But as performers, we care for one another’s safety and wellbeing. That means physically, psychologically, and emotionally.



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Classes will run about an hour each.

We will figure out the exact times shortly.

One of the beautiful things about improv is that it is soooooooooo flexible. The entire art form is about adapting and responding to what is happening right now! So guess what? If you show up late, that's okay! I don't need to know why. Everything is way smoother when we all show up on time.

But no puppies will ever be harmed if you show up late. We love puppies.

If you don't want to perform in the cabaret....that's okay too! The number of puppies harmed in that scenario remains a steady zero. You can still come to class. You can miss classes too. No biggie. Those puppies are still doing great. And tuition is still \$0.



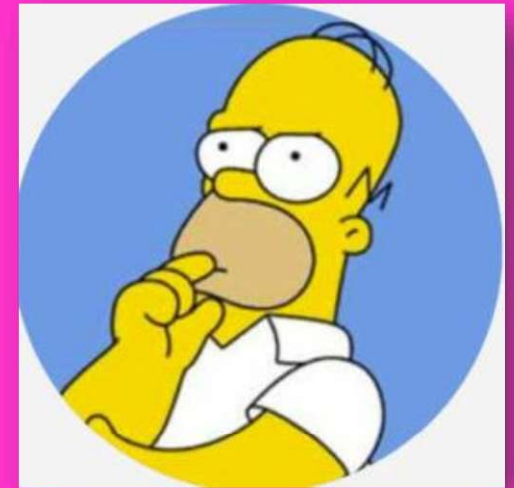
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Undoubtedly you will have questions. We will figure out answers together. This whole event is a potluck of our community's imagination. I think we will be amazed at what we can create together and the whole time just have a lot of fun. No stress!!

One of your questions may be: “Does Patrick even know what the heck he is doing?”

Answer: Beats me!! Let's find out together. I haven't taught in quite a while. But I'm excited to again.



Remember that picture earlier of me on the bridge?

Well improv is about building a bridge while we walk across it. Let's do that together and find out what's on the other side.

I'm looking forward to working with you all.

If you already know some improv games or exercises that you want to explore, please send them to me!!

Look what I have so far on my lesson planner....

Nothing!!

How worried am I?

Again Zero!!!!



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Let's figure out this whole bridge thing together. I'm looking forward to being silly with you all.

I think being silly is one of the most important things in the world.

Take care!

- Patrick Corvyn



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