



A CANDID LOOK AT CONSENT

Asking For It

Written by Ellie Moon

September 13-29, 2019 | Firehall Theatre

"Personal and riveting...this play is essential viewing." – Now Toronto

"A bracing pleasure...A sly, intelligent piece of documentary theatre borne of Ghomesi-gate."
– The Globe and Mail

Gananoque, ON, September 10, 2019 – Playwright and actor **Ellie Moon** was studying in England when Canadian radio host Jian Ghomesi was arrested and charged with four counts of sexual assault. She was surrounded by people who had never heard of him, but she closely followed the news on Facebook and desperately wanted to talk about it. This led her to put out a request for interview subjects, anyone who was willing to talk on record about Ghomesi and sex, and craft their responses into the play *Asking For It*.

A documentary play that looks at gender roles and sexual consent in the wake of the Ghomesi scandal, *Asking For It* considers the various ways in which sexual consent is understood personally, culturally, and legally. Moon speaks with people of all ages and backgrounds about their assumptions and experiences around consent to sexual relations, and with crown prosecutors and legal experts about the current state of sexual assault law in Canada. The conversations are candid, funny, often uncomfortable, and describe experiences of shame, power, ambiguity, and misunderstanding in communication about sex.

Asking For It took Toronto by storm during its 2017 premiere at Crow's Theatre. Moon narrates the piece alongside fellow cast members **Geoffrey Armour**, **Michael Chiem**, and **Brittany Kay**.

The creative team behind the production includes an original mise-en-scene by **Brendan Healy**, Director **Carly Chamberlain**, Music & Sound Designer **Richard Feren**, Lighting Designer **Andre du Toit**, and Stage Manager **Lucy McPhee**.

*Content Warning: *Asking For It* contains graphic description of sexual acts and strong language.

Running Time: 2 hours (includes intermission)

Tickets: \$19 - \$37 (Discounts available for youth)

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