

MEDIA RELEASE

Big Stuff launches the Highwire Series at the Citadel Theatre this October

September 17, 2025

Edmonton, Alberta – The Citadel Theatre is thrilled to kick off its 2025/26 Highwire Series with *Big Stuff*, a funny, tender, and deeply personal theatrical experience created and performed by acclaimed comedy duo **Matt Baram** (*The Umbrella Academy*, *Painkiller*, *Cross*, *The Apprentice*) and **Naomi Snieckus** (*Pretty Hard Cases*, *Mr. D*, *The Social*, *Handmaids Tale*, *Firecracker Departments I'm Also Here*.)

Part memoir, part comedy, *Big Stuff* unpacks grief through the sentimental weight of objects we carry and the people who help us let them go. Developed through years of improvisational storytelling, Baram and Snieckus bring their real-life chemistry (plus real life marriage!) and emotional depth to a production The Globe and Mail calls “one of those pieces of theatre that will stay with you for the rest of your life.”

Directed by award-winning writer and director **Kat Sandler** (author of *The Candidate* and *The Party* which premiered at the Citadel, *Anne of Green Gables* (Stratford), and upcoming YAGA on Crave TV), the show has toured across Canadian theatres and is completing a successful run at the Segal Centre in Montreal.

“In the intimate environment of that dark room...the audience comes to feel like a community of sorts.” –
Montreal Gazette

For Baram, this engagement is especially meaningful as it marks his return to his hometown of Edmonton after decades away.

Big Stuff runs **October 18 to November 9, 2025**, in the Rice Theatre, and is the first production in this season’s **Highwire Series** - a program dedicated to theatrically adventurous productions in the Citadel’s most intimate performance space.

Tickets are available at citadeltheatre.com/shows/big-stuff or by calling Box Office at 780.425.1820.

An ASL and Deaf Theatre Interpreted and Sensory Informed performance is happening Saturday, November 8, 2025 at 1:30pm. Accessible Performances are happening for every show in the 2025/26 Season with funding provided by the Stollery Charitable Foundation. More information can be found at citadeltheatre.com/accessibility/.

Production photos are available upon request.

CAST

Matt Baram Actor, Writer, Co-Creator

Naomi Snieckus Actor, Writer, Co-Creator

CREATIVE TEAM

Kat Sandler	Director, Co-Creator
Rachel Moore	Assistant Director
Emile Trimbie	Lighting Designer
Michelle Tracey	Set Designer
Tim Lindsay	Sound Designer
Nyssa Beairsto	Stage Manager
Ray Salverda	Production Manager
Rebecca Northan	Improv Consultant

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