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## WHEN IT COMES TO THE IMPERFECT FUTURE, THERE WILL BE QUESTIONS

**Toronto, ON** – From the producers of **Live from the Annex** comes **'FUTURE tense!'**, a new speculative comedic cabaret series set in 2028. On Saturday, **November 19** and **December 17**, 2016, 8 – 10pm, **Lee's Palace**, Upstairs Cave, 529 Bloor St. W., Toronto, the future will be imagined by some of Toronto's best sketch artists, dancers, clowns, improvisers, storytellers, musicians and card-carrying futurists. Advance tickets are \$30/show and \$50 pass/both shows <a href="https://www.universe.com/explore?ll=43.6541%2C-79.3978&query=future%20tense">https://www.universe.com/explore?ll=43.6541%2C-79.3978&query=future%20tense</a>. Shows will be live streamed. Bar 19+. <a href="https://www.universe.com/explore?ll=43.6541%2C-79.3978&query=future%20tense">Newcomer Kitchen</a> catering.









The Harbingers (co-hosts) -- Lisa Merchant & Friends, Marty Adams and Jan Caruana (improv)













Comic Elvira Kurt (comic) - Morro & Jasp (clown duo) - Ghostlight (7-member band) - Christine McGlade (futurist) – Nicky Nasrallah & Beyography, with guest Kate Nankervis (dance)









Steph Baptist & Rick Miller (performance poetry/theatre), Maggie Greyson (designer/futurist), Anna Chatterton (theatre), Ronley Teper & The Lipliners (band)

'FUTURE tense!' Artistic Director Sasha Wentges is offering audiences an entertaining peek into the future: "With the onset of climate change, wars, and rapidly evolving technologies, our two shows feature a stellar line up of artists exploring with comedic stylings what our future may portend for us: Will it be dystopian or an utopia?" Wentges agrees with Marshall McLuhan when he states, "I think of art, at its most significant, as a DEW line, a Distant Early Warning system that can always be relied on to tell the old culture what is beginning to happen to it." She invites people to have some fun with their questions, hopes and fears about the future by sending them to The Harbingers via text to **647-599-0194**.

Live from the Annex presents its 2016 cabaret series, 'FUTURE tense!' Saturday, November 19 and December 17, 8-10pm., Lee's Palace (Upstairs Cave)

The Harbingers (co-hosts Laurie Murphy and Sasha Wentges) and improv troupe Lisa Merchant & Friends (Jan Caruana and Marty Adams) are joined by a lineup of artists on each night of comedy. On November 19, they will be joined by stand-up star Elvira Kurt, Nicky Nasrallah and his Beyography Dance Crew with guest dancer Kate Nankervis, futurist Christine McGlade, clown duo Morro and Jasp (Heather Marie Annis and Amy Lee), and music by Ghostlight (Dave Rogers, Minesh Mandoda, Greg Chambers, Michael Baumgart, Scotch Camera, Michelle Breslin, Chris Sankey). December 17<sup>th</sup>'s non-denominational holiday show presents The Harbingers and house improv troupe Lisa Merchant & Friends, theatre artist Rick Miller, performance poet Stephanie Baptist, theatre artist Anna Chatterton, designer/futurist Maggie Greyson, and Ronley Teper's Lipliners, a Toronto-based band hot off their European tour, playing live to their Jutra Award-nominated video animations by Davide Di Saro.

'FUTURE tense!'s production manager is **Heather Kilner**, assisted by **Andrew Kines** and **Marcella Tomas**. Live from the Annex partners and sponsors are **Newcomer Kitchen**, **Analytical Engine Interactive**, **Westbank Corp (@Mirvish Village)**, **Lee's Palace**, **Smokes Poutine**, **Mea Culpa**, **MARRAM** and **Beaus Brewery**.

For additional show info, to volunteer, or to support with a cash or in kind donation, visit the <a href="www.FUTUREtense.ca">www.FUTUREtense.ca</a> or send an email to <a href="livefromtheannex@gmail.com">livefromtheannex@gmail.com</a>.