

Volare

Fact Sheet

Welcome to the Volare Relaxed Performance.
This fact sheet has key information about the play and the theatre
that you may find useful.

Key Information:

date:	Thursday May 11, 2023
time:	7:30pm
location:	Prairie Theatre Exchange
address:	393 Portage Ave., Unit 300, 3 rd floor, Winnipeg, MB R3B 3H6
theatre:	Cherry Karpyschin Mainstage Theatre
length of play:	75 minutes (no intermission)
link to program:	HERE

General things to know:

Prairie Exchange Theatre is inside Portage Place, on the third (3rd) floor.

- If you are being dropped off, please ask to be dropped off at Portage and Edmonton.
- If you are taking a bus, you should get off as close to Portage and Edmonton as possible.
 - There are two (2) sets of doors at Portage and Edmonton. One is usually locked (often the set on the left).
 - If you have any trouble getting into the building, please call 204-942-5483.
 - You will need to take the escalator or an elevator to the third (3rd) floor.
 - Elevator #6 or #7 will take you up to the third (3rd) floor.
- If you drive, there is parking underground at Portage Place.
 - You can access the parking lot from Carlton or Vaughan streets.
 - Parking for an evening or on a weekend is \$8.00.
 - You must pay for parking before going upstairs.
 - Only elevator #6 will get you from the parking lot to the third (3rd) floor.
 - Elevator #6 is near the Carlton St. entrance of the parking lot.
- The Box Office opens one (1) hour before the play begins - that is 6:30pm.
- The lobby opens one (1) hour before the play begins - that is 6:30pm.
- The theatre/auditorium opens 30 minutes before the play begins - that is 7pm.

About the theatre

- The seating is assigned.
- A volunteer usher can help you find your seat.
- The audience sits on three (3) sides of the stage.
- The first row of the audience is at the same level as the stage.
- Limited accessible seating is available, please book these seats in advance if needed.
- Service dogs are welcome.
- There are stairs and walkways to the seats.
- The steps in the theatre alternate width (tread).
- The handrails in the theatre are intermittent.
- Washrooms are located in the lobby.
- Washrooms are non-gendered, please use whichever you prefer.
- There is a water fountain outside of the washrooms.
- You can purchase a drink in the lounge or at the cafe.
- Drinks are allowed in the theatre.

Watching the play:

- During the play the house lights will remain on at a low level.
- This play contains some very emotional scenes.
- This play contains talk of death.
- There is talk of transphobia and homophobia in the play.
- Cigarette substitutes (3) are smoked during the play. They smell a lot like real cigarettes but are herbal. They don't contain any tobacco.
- The play contains talk of drug use.
- The play contains a description of physical violence.
- Photographs are not allowed to be taken during the play.
- Please keep your mobile devices on silent during the play.
- You may use your mobile device during the play if needed.
- During the play, audience members are welcome to move and leave the theatre if needed.
- Audience members are encouraged to express themselves naturally and authentically during the play.
- A quiet space has been designated for this play.

- The Quiet Room for this play is the Student Lounge.
- A volunteer usher can direct you to the Quiet Room if needed.
- If you need help at any time, the volunteer ushers are there to help.
- The play was written by Elio Zarrillo.
- The play was directed by Hazel Venzon.

Play Synopsis:

Dominic's Nonno has passed away and Nonno's second wife, Madeleine, has invited Dominic and her granddaughter Grace to help deal with his affairs. After years of complicated Italian/Filipino/French family dynamics and dramas, the pseudo-siblings have been estranged for nearly a decade. Now, Madeleine is left to decide which one gets Nonno's house: Dominic or Grace. But first, she needs to get them talking to each other again. Can this fractured family take its broken pieces and turn them into something new?

Advisory:

Volare contains content that may be difficult for some people. This includes transphobia, homophobia, talk of drug use, descriptions of physical violence and talk of death.

Sensory moments in, and information about, the play:

- Throughout the play there will be arguing, sometimes in loud voices. If it is too loud you may want to cover your ears or use sound dampening headphones.
- There is swearing throughout the play. Not all instances of swearing will be noted below.
- Dominic is often misgendered by his family during the play. We have tried to note each instance of this but may have missed some. Please be prepared for this.
- When you enter the theatre the houselights (the lights overhead) will be on.
- There will be light on stage.
- Music plays - it is similar to music that is played when a character is dreaming. If it is too loud you may want to cover your ears or use sound dampening headphones.
- The stage lights snap on as Dominic enters and flips a light switch.
- Dominic slams a drawer shut - it may seem a bit loud or startling. If it is too loud you may want to cover your ears or use sound dampening headphones.
- The sounds of rain and a storm are played.
- Dominic opens the fridge and lets the door close loudly.
- Dominic slams things around on the kitchen counter.
- Dominic sits on the kitchen counter and smokes. It is not a real cigarette, but it may smell like one.

Meet the Artists:



Image Description: Lisa looks at the camera. Her long dark hair is over one shoulder. top two She wears and white and orange top. to

This is Lisa Goebel. (she/her)
She plays Grace.



Image Description: Heath wears a checked orange and brown button up shirt. The buttons are undone. Their long dark hair falls their shoulders.

This is Heath V. Salazare (they/them)
They play Dominic.



Image Description: Suzanne wears a black top. She looks directly at the camera and smiles. Her dark hair is just below ear length.

This is Suzanne Kennelly. (she/her) She plays Madeleine.

- Thunder claps.
- Madeleine enters.
- Madeleine speaks with a French accent and sometimes uses French words.
- Talk of a funeral.
- Madeleine swears at Dominic.
- Brief mention of drunk driving.
- Dominic helps Madeleine to pack up the room.
- Dominic swears.
- Dominic and Madeleine argue.
- Their voices rise.
- Madeleine calls Dominic by another name. Dominic is transgender and she is misgendering him.
- Grace enters.
- Dominic is surprised that Grace is at the house.
- They argue.
- Talk of inheritance.
- Talk of housing insecurity.
- There is an argument over family relations - blood family versus family by marriage.
- Grace swears.
- Madeleine refers to Grace and Dominic as “girls”.
- They argue.
- Voices are raised. If it is too loud you may want to cover your ears or use sound dampening headphones.
- Madeleine makes something to eat.
- Madeleine has a drink.
- Grace and Madeleine talk about Dominic.
- Madeleine swears.
- Talk of family dynamics.
- Grace raises her voice and swears.
- Grace gets very loud. If it is too loud you may want to cover your ears or use sound dampening headphones.
- Grace gets upset and verges on the edge of a panic attack.
- Talk of drugs and drug abuse.
- Dominic swears.

- Madeleine leaves.
- Dominic smokes. It is not a real cigarette, but it may smell like one.
- Dominic and Grace begin to dismantle furniture and pack.
- Dominic slams some drawers shut - it may seem a bit loud or startling. If it is too loud you may want to cover your ears or use sound dampening headphones.
- Talk of death due to a car accident.
- Talk of homophobia resulting in death.
- Furniture gets pushed around.
- Grace swears.
- Loud packing and slamming sounds. If it is too loud you may want to cover your ears or use sound dampening headphones.
- Grace whips open a garbage bag. It makes a loud sound and may be startling. If it is too loud you may want to cover your ears or use sound dampening headphones.
- Talk of a rehab/treatment centre and program.
- Talk of drugs.
- Talk of drunk driving.
- Mention of dementia.
- Madeleine returns.
- They all swear.
- Madeleine misgenders Dominic.
- Dominic gets upset.
- Talk of murder.
- Talk of homophobia.
- Use of the word "fag".
- Thunder sounds are played.
- Dominic smokes. It is not a real cigarette, but it may smell like one.
- Dominic looks though the tool box.
- The tools clang and bang against each other. If it is too loud you may want to cover your ears or use sound dampening headphones.
- Grace and Dominic talk about tattoos.
- Grace swears.
- Talk of physical violence.
- Talk of coming out (as gay, lesbian, transgender etc.).
- Grace plays the accordion.

- Grace and Dominic play the accordion together. If it is too loud you may want to cover your ears or use sound dampening headphones.
- Grace and Dominic play cards, a game called Scopa.
- They swear as they play cards.
- Grace accuses Dominic of cheating.
- They argue and shout.
- Grace throws the cards at Dominic.
- Dominic swears.
- Dominic slams the freezer door shut.
- Talk of colonizers and colonization.
- Dominic and Grace use spray paint on the walls.
- The lights begin to dim.
- The spray paint glows in the lower light.
- Dominic outs Grace to Madeleine.
- Madeleine misgenders Dominic.
- Madeleine is upset.
- She leaves crying. Grace follows her.
- Music plays. If it is too loud you may want to cover your ears or use sound dampening headphones.
- The stage revolves slowly as Dominic continues to pack and move boxes.
- Dominic sits.
- The stage revolves quicker.
- As the other side of the set is revealed, the lights come up brighter.
- Madeleine is sitting on a bench.
- The music stops.
- Thunder sounds.
- Madeleine misgenders Dominic.
- Grace tells Madeleine she is a lesbian.
- Talk of death, secrets and an affair.
- Music begins to play softly.
- Thunder sounds.
- Madeleine leaves.
- The stage begins to revolve.

- Music plays.
- When the stage stops revolving the first set is revealed.
- Dominic is still packing.
- Madeleine enters.
- Madeleine has a drink.
- Grace has a drink.
- Grace shares a memory with Dominic.
- Sounds and music play softly.
- Grace swears.
- Dominic raises his voice.
- Dominic swears.
- Dominic is upset.
- Grace pushes Dominic.
- Grace clenches her fist and lightly punches Dominic in the upper arm.
- They argue over who should live in the house.
- There is swearing.
- Madeleine laughs loudly.
- Her laughter turns to sobbing.
- Sounds and music play.
- A small portion of the stage revolves to line the counter up with centre stage.
- Grace and Dominic get Madeleine a drink and a chair.
- Madeleine pushes a button.
- The sound of a large door opening is played.
- The lights go up a little as the garage door (unseen) opens.
- Grace plays the accordion.
- Madeleine and Dominic dance.
- The lights go down as Madeleine and Dominic hug.
- The actors freeze and the lights go out.
- This is the end of the play.
- Music plays.
- A light comes up on stage and the actors bow to all three sides of the audience.

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