



# VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL FRINGE FESTIVAL

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Stupid Gumball Dispenser Productions Presents:

## THE SUCKERPUNCH

A new play at the Vancouver Fringe Festival

**WINNIPEG, AUGUST 18th, 2011-** Brent Hirose, Winnipeg Fringe favorite and writer/performer of such shows as *'Life in a Box'*, *'When the Killer Mutant Lizards Attack'* and *'Jesus Christ, I'm Sorry'* (Best of Fest) is coming off a successful run at the 2011 Ottawa, Winnipeg and Potash Corp (Saskatoon) Fringe Festivals – with a run at the Victoria Fringe Festival on the horizon- to present the Vancouver premiere of his new show, **THE SUCKERPUNCH** at the 2011 Vancouver Fringe Festival.

**THE PLAY-** Have you ever done something you instantly regretted? Said something you wish you could take back immediately? **THE SUCKERPUNCH** is a dramatic comedy about a new technology that allows you to jump back in time... but only for five seconds. Just long enough to undo an ill-thought comment or mis-timed action. It follows four characters as their lives are drastically changed by this new technology, and the consequences of its existence.

**DETAILS- THE SUCKERPUNCH** is set to perform at the Origins Organic Coffee (1245 Cartwright St. on Granville Island) at the following times:

Thursday, Sept 8th 8:30\*

Saturday, Sept 10th 9:15

Sunday, Sept 11th 3:30\*\* AND 9:15

Wednesday, Sept 14th 7:15

Friday, Sept 16th 10:15

Saturday, Sept 17th 9:15

Sunday Sept 18th 2:45

\*Tickets to the opening performance of *The Suckerpunch* are half price

\*\*Partial proceeds of this performance go towards the Greater Vancouver Foodbank Society

**THE PLAYWRIGHT & PERFORMER-** Brent Hirose is a critically acclaimed actor, writer, singer, director and voice over artist living between Winnipeg and Vancouver. He most recently performed all over northern Manitoba for the 2011 Munsch Holiday show *'The Paper Bag Princess and More'*, presented by Prairie Theatre Exchange. Prior to that he performed his one man show *'When the Killer Mutant Lizards Attack'* and *'Unequal Harvest'* by Geoff Hughes at the 2010 Victoria Fringe Festival. **THE SUCKERPUNCH** is his tenth play on the Canadian Fringe circuit, and his first at the Vancouver Fringe. His plays have been nominated for numerous awards including Best Original Script at the Pumphouse Theatre's One Act Play Festival (for *Identity.com*) and The Harry Rintoul award for best new Manitoba play (for *'The History of Theatre'*, with Matt Tenbruggencate and Mel Marginet). His play *'CLUEd-In'* is currently nominated for a 2011 CAT award for outstanding original script.

### PRAISE FOR THE SUCKERPUNCH-

"Don't miss this one for the world." ★★★★★ – Uptown Magazine

"A truly rich Fringe experience." ★★★★★ - Saskatoon Star Phoenix

"A thought provoking concept: ★★★★★- The Winnipeg Free Press

"Hirose is a superb performer" - CBC

"A testament to [Hirose's] reputation as a Fringe powerhouse... enthralling!"

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