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WE'RE SENDING A HIPPO TO SPACE

After hours of thought, planning and preparation, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (that's us) is prepared to launch the first hippopotamus into space as part of its initiative to stop all life on Earth from dying in five years.

A female hippo weighing 1300 kgs was captured from an undisclosed location in Africa. She was put through astronaut training and has had a special space suit designed for her that is totally adorable.

So yeah, there will be a hippo in space and it is going to be awesome. Some of you may be concerned with how exactly a hippo in space will solve the impending ecological catastrophe that we're facing. Unfortunately those details are secret but we can assure you that we have it totally figured out and are not just trying to subdue you into a false sense of hope.

Also there is a show called SPACE HIPPO at the Victoria and Vancouver Fringe Festivals that two aliens from the future are doing. Don't believe any of the lies they tell about our Space Hippo program. We still recommend that you watch it though and tell all your friends. I hear it is getting great reviews and it looks amaaaaazing!

SPACE HIPPO

Epic Sci-Fi Shadow Show Comes to West Coast!



Space Hippo is a brand new shadow puppet show by international collaborators Daniel Wishes from Canada and Seri Yanai from Japan. Together they have created shows like last year's fringe hit "Oni" and "Debris" which in 2015 was awarded the prize for the best new puppet show in Japan by the Aichi puppetry centre.

Now Space Hippo promises to be their biggest show yet with over 200 intricately cut shadow puppets and a brand new score by composer, singer and actor Elliott Loran. (Snack Music)

Space Hippo follows the story of an ordinary hippopotamus who is launched into outer space in order to save the world. The world is ending in five years due to an ecological disaster. Corrupt politicians use Space Hippo to create a false sense of hope and placate the masses.



Wishes and Yanai have been collaborating since 2012 when they met while studying at the London School of Puppetry in the UK. Living in two different countries has meant doing a lot of work remotely via Skype. Despite this geographical disadvantage, the duo has managed to create five fringe shows together. Space Hippo will be their sixth.

Adding Elliot Loran to the creative team was a big step for the team. Daniel and Seri flew to Toronto for only one week to work with Elliott in creating the 26 original pieces of music for the show. All 26 tracks were recorded in an intense two-day studio session.



For interviews or additional information, contact Daniel Wishes at danielwishes@thewishes.ca
High-res photographs and artwork from the show can be downloaded here: thewishes.ca/spacehippo.html



"Funny, delightful, surprisingly touching and beautifully executed" CBC



"Smart, poignant satire with a great big soul, it's an enchanting cautionary tale." Winnipeg Free Press

