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In response to the Toronto Star article that was published on Saturday January 21, 2023, titled: "Former Toronto theatre technician charged in sexual assault", the Toronto Fringe provides this statement.

We acknowledge and thank the survivors for their bravery in disclosing the incidents outlined in the article. We are committed to making the Fringe and our spaces as safe as possible. The Toronto Fringe has multiple ways to give feedback or report concerns, including this anonymous (if you prefer) [feedback form](#). Our standing policies can be found [HERE](#) on our website.

However, we recognize that events and workspaces are not just made safer by policies, we must also be ruthless in our efforts to foster a culture of consent, respect, and intolerance for violations of our collective code of conduct.

We understand The Fringe Festival is important for so many artists, arts workers, and community members into and through the indie theatre sector, and we take our responsibility to foster a safe environment for everyone who intersects in our spaces seriously.

We will continue to implement strong and effective safer spaces measures and will be sharing more as we get closer to Festival time.

We are here; we are listening, and we will continue to act.

Sincerely,

The Toronto Fringe