

** VOCALEYE ALMOST LIVE ZOOM | EPISODE 158

[The Originals](#)

Wednesday, July 31 at 6:30 pm Pacific Time

Hosted by Amy Amantea

A documentary film tribute to the magic and memories of the Caravan Farm Theatre!

Mention “Caravan” to almost any theatre performer in British Columbia and you’ll be met with a smile as memories of a magical place of creativity and community come rushing in. In **The Originals**, award-winning artist and director Niall McNeil ventures back to where he grew up—the 80 acres outside of Armstrong, BC on unceded Secwépemc and Syilx territory that is home to [Caravan Farm Theatre](#), a legendary outdoor theatre company established in 1978. The film explores the history of Caravan Farm Theatre, Niall’s own roots as an artist, as well as the founders of the Caravan Stage Company.

This documentary film is presented with audio description, courtesy of Niall McNeil and **The Originals**. Running time is approximately 45 minutes.

Host Amy Amantea will be joined by special guests Niall McNeil and Joan McNeil for conversation and community Q and A.

About [Niall McNeil](#), Filmmaker

Niall's creative accomplishments are many and include performing with [Caravan Farm Theatre](#) in the Okanagan, Vancouver's [Leaky Heaven](#) and [Newworld Theatre](#), and in Ottawa with the English Acting Company of the [National Arts Centre](#). With his collaborators, he's written and published a number of plays, including **Peter Panties** and **King Arthur's Night**, and in 2022 Niall became the first artist with Down syndrome to be awarded a Canada Council for the Arts Composite Grant to support the development of three new multidisciplinary works.

Almost Live events are designed to be accessible for people who are blind and partially sighted. If you've never attended a VocalEye Almost Live Zoom event before, you can register for a single event or sign up for the full season. A Zoom link and reminder will be sent to you on the day of the event. Everyone is welcome!

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The VocalEye virtual lobby opens at 6:30 pm Pacific Time for socializing and community updates with host Amy Amantea. The pre-show introduction begins at 6:45 pm with Amy and guests. The featured presentation begins at 7 pm, followed by conversation, Q and A and a community prize draw.

ALMOST LIVE ON BREAK

Almost Live will be back with a brand new season Wednesday, September 25!

- 👉 For schedule updates, visit the [VocalEye website](#)
- 👉 Catch up on past events on [VocalEye's YouTube Channel](#)

**2) COMMUNITY

ONLINE

- Podcast Spotlight: [Realwheels Theatre's](#) new radio play podcast is out and available for streaming! Written for podcast platforms by Amy Amantea and Rena Cohen, **Disability Tour**

Bus follows Shiloh, a young wheelchair-user, as they navigate their first day as a guide for “Funcouver Bus Tours”. Working alongside longtime employee and relentless dad-joker, Hugh, Shiloh struggles to stick to the “Funcouver” script when so much of “Canada’s most wheelchair-accessible city” is still so incredibly inaccessible. [Listen here](#)

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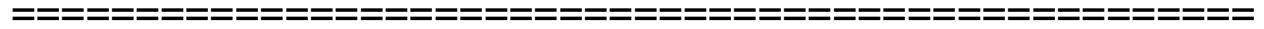
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