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YPT opens its 2017/18 Season with
Unapologetically Me: Sharron's Cabaret for Kids
by the incomparable Sharron Matthews

"DEAR UNIVERSE... I promise to get up EVERY day and CHOOSE to like myself... no matter what... no matter what people say... no matter how I feel that day... no matter ANYTHING!" – Sharron Matthews

Young People's Theatre (YPT) is thrilled to open its 52nd Season with the World Premiere of ***Unapologetically Me: Sharron's Cabaret for Kids***, by award-winning stage, film and television performer, **Sharron Matthews**! This life-affirming, confidence-building show will be presented in **The Studio, October 2nd to 21st**.

Unapologetically Me seamlessly integrates contemporary songs with Sharron's true stories of growing up, facing fears and learning self-acceptance. Sharron uses her skill as a performer, combined with her natural warmth and effervescence, to rapidly build a rapport with each audience member, encouraging them to shake off the haters and celebrate the power of being their true self. Kids totally relate to her and critics agree: **"Sharron Matthews is perfection!"** – Toronto Star

After starting school, Sharron quickly comes to the conclusion that she's different from the other kids. When she's called hurtful names, anxiety starts to creep in, making her feel that she can't be herself. Through an hour of pop, rock, funk and story, Sharron actively engages with her audience to relate how she faced her fears, overcame anxiety and ultimately learned self-acceptance. It's a unique theatrical experience that's sure to delight kids and adults alike. View a sneak-peek of Sharron in action in a workshop with students from Sprucecourt Public School here: <http://www.youngpeoplestheatre.ca/shows-tickets/unapologetically-sharrons-cabaret-kids/>

When asked what she hoped young audiences will take away from this show, Sharron replied, *"I hope that when they come to the cabaret, kids and their guardians, whether it be a teacher, a relative, a friend or a parent, will see that they have the power to find their voice, tell their tale, speak their mind and love and accept themselves just the way they are. You are beautiful right now!"*

Created and performed by **Sharron Matthews**, ***Unapologetically Me*** will feature musicians Jamie Drake (Percussion) and Jason Chesworth (Guitar).

UNAPOLOGETICALLY ME: SHARRON'S CABARET FOR KIDS – World Premiere!

Created and Performed by [Sharron Matthews](#) | Produced by **Sharron Matthews**

IN THE STUDIO OCT. 2-21, 2017 | RECOMMENDED FOR AGES 9-11

Runs approximately 50 minutes

Media Opening: Thursday, October 5 at 12:45PM | Community Opening: Friday, October 6 at 7PM

Performances: Oct. 2 & 16 at 12:45PM | Oct. 3, 5, 12, 17 & 19 at 10:15AM & 12:45PM | Oct. 4, 11 & 18 at 10:15AM | Oct. 10 at 12:45PM | Oct. 15 at 2:30PM | Oct. 21 at 7PM

Schedule: <http://www.youngpeoplestheatre.ca/shows-tickets/unapologetically-sharrons-cabaret-kids/>

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Tickets: \$19-\$24, HST & service charges extra | | [Online: youngpeoplestheatre.ca](#)

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