



# The MiCiv Project: Honoring Veterans Through Performing Arts

A groundbreaking initiative bringing together military veterans and civilian performing artists to share powerful stories of service, sacrifice, and community through professional stage work.

# Our Mission: Bridging Military and Civilian Communities

The MiCiv Project creates meaningful connections between those who have served and the broader Canadian community through the transformative power of performing arts. We are committed to honoring the voices and experiences of modern Canadian Armed Forces veterans while fostering deeper understanding across communities.



## Professional Collaboration

Creating opportunities for military veteran and civilian performing artists to work together on high-caliber creative projects that showcase exceptional artistry and authentic storytelling.



## Career Transition Support

Offering veterans meaningful pathways into arts careers through dedicated mentorship programs, professional development workshops, and hands-on training with industry leaders.



## Community Engagement

Facilitating public conversations and educational programming that builds bridges between military and civilian communities, honoring the legacy of Canada's service members.

# Our Vision: A New Stage Work Premiering March 2026

We are developing an innovative physical theatre production that places Canadian Armed Forces modern veterans at the center of the creative process. These veteran-actors will perform alongside accomplished Canadian dance artists in a professionally staged work that brings their stories to life with power, grace, and authenticity.

This production goes beyond traditional theatre—it is a dynamic fusion of movement, narrative, and lived experience. The work centers on CAF modern veterans telling their own stories of service in their own voices, creating deeply moving performances that resonate with audiences across Canada.

With premiere and touring dates set for **March 2026**, this production represents a unique opportunity to amplify the voices of living Canadian veterans and build greater understanding of their experiences, challenges, and contributions to our nation.



# Our Partners: A Foundation of Support and Excellence

The MiCiv Project is proud to collaborate with distinguished organizations that share our commitment to veterans and the performing arts. These partnerships provide essential resources, venues, and expertise that make our work possible.

## Roland Gossage Foundation

Toronto-based foundation providing critical support for the development and staging of our premiere production.

## Tett Centre for Creativity and Learning

Kingston partner offering creative space and community engagement opportunities for production development.

## Veterans Affairs Canada

Initial funding partner supporting programs that honor veterans and facilitate their transition to civilian life.

We also gratefully acknowledge the support of Ripley's Aquarium, Soulpepper Theatre, the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, and Roy Thomson Hall/Massey Hall, whose contributions enrich our programming and extend our reach throughout the community.

# Why This Work Matters Now



## Amplifying Veteran Voices

The stories of Canada's modern veterans deserve to be heard, honored, and preserved. These are narratives of courage, resilience, sacrifice, and service that have shaped our nation and continue to resonate today.

By placing veterans at the creative center of this work—as storytellers, actors, and collaborators—we ensure their experiences are shared with authenticity, dignity, and profound emotional impact. This is not theatre *about* veterans; it is theatre *by* veterans, for all Canadians.

"We believe it is vital to acknowledge their service and to build greater understanding of the modern veteran experience in Canada."

Through professional performing arts, we create space for dialogue, healing, and connection. Audiences gain insight into the veteran experience while veterans find community, purpose, and creative expression through the arts. This work strengthens the fabric of Canadian society by honoring those who have served.

# Cast Testimonials: Voices from the Stage

Hear directly from the incredible cast members—veterans and artists alike—about their transformative experiences with The MiCiv Project.

“This project offers an intimate connection and understanding of something rarely discussed outside military circles. Eye opening. Heart opening. A rare gift indeed.”

- Leanne Dixon, Dance Artist

“It is important for the civilian community to learn about Canada's military legacy. My goal is to raise awareness of Canadian military men and women's service.”

- Michael Du Maresq, Artistic Director

“As a veteran, MiCiv has given me a rare and meaningful opportunity to connect with others, share our stories through movement, and grow under industry guidance.”

- Andrea Greening, Veteran-Artist

“MiCiv has given me the opportunity to hone my skills as a storyteller and gain insight into the power of movement. It has helped me gain confidence.”

- Ryan Hawkyard, Veteran-Artist

“Michael and Ryan created a new language for me to help share some of these stories. The process felt safe, natural, and the act of performing felt protective.”

- Andrew Lloyd, Veteran-Artist

# Join Us: Your Support Brings This Vision to Life

We have received initial funding from Veterans Affairs Canada, establishing a strong foundation for The MiCiv Project. However, **additional support is urgently needed** to meet our fundraising goal and ensure the success of our March 2026 premiere and tour.

2026

Premiere & Tour

Professional production launching March  
2026

100%

Veteran-Centered

Stories told by those who served

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Major Venues

Toronto and Kingston performances

## Your Contribution Makes a Difference

Your support directly helps bring this important theatre work to life. Every dollar funds:

- Professional production development and staging costs
- Mentorship and training programs for veteran artists
- Community engagement events and educational programming
- Tour logistics and venue partnerships across Canada

Partner with us to honor Canada's veterans, strengthen our communities, and create powerful performing arts that will resonate for generations to come.

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