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***RAP GUIDE TO CONSCIOUSNESS* EXTENDS THROUGH AUGUST AT SOHO PLAYHOUSE**

Rapper and Drama Desk Award Nominee Baba Brinkman's Comedic Exploration of the Science of Mind Plays for Six Months off-Broadway

July 3, 2018 (New York, NY) - Overwhelming audience enthusiasm has led The SoHo Playhouse (Artistic Director, Darren Lee Cole) to announce yet another five week extension for Baba Brinkman's brain science opus, ***Rap Guide to Consciousness***. With direction by Cole (*Mindgame*, *Killer Joe*, *The Emperor Jones*) and visual design by **Olivia Sebesky** (*Six Degrees of Separation*, *Motown the Musical*, *Breakfast at Tiffany's*), the show opened on March 1st and was originally scheduled through April 29th, with multiple extensions now continuing its run through August 12th. Baba Brinkman is fresh from a stint performing at Google's exclusive "SciFoo Camp" in California where he taught a rap workshop, schooling top scientists and programmers on the craft of freestyle rhyme.

"You'll learn about science via *Rap Guide to Consciousness* the same effortless way you learn about history via *Hamilton*." – [YesBroadway](#)

The 2017 Edinburgh Fringe Festival favorite has been met with great acclaim. Theater is Easy called the show "a delight" and DC Metro Theater Arts said it's "well-conceived and brilliantly entertaining." Bill Nye recently [attended the show](#), calling it "extraordinary". The lyrics in *Consciousness* were peer-reviewed by neuroscience experts, and the novel appeal of "science rap" was enough to impress Neil deGrasse Tyson, who invited Baba to be a guest on his [StarTalk at BAM: Science is Everywhere](#) show, where he freestyled about the panel's discussion on astrophysics and free will. *Consciousness* has also been praised on Twitter by recent guest of the show, [Deepak Chopra](#), as well as philosopher and cognitive scientist [Daniel C. Dennett](#), with performances leaving audience members in awe; [raving about the experience](#).

The 5th instalment of Brinkman's "Rap Guide to..." series, *Rap Guide to Consciousness* is part stand-up comedy, part Ted Talk, and part rap concert. Brinkman, an award-winning musician, scholar, and theater performer, raps his way through some of the most difficult issues presented by psychology and neuroscience, taking the audience on a journey of self-discovery, grappling with the inner workings of the psyche, the future of thinking machines, and the insights offered by psychedelics, embryos, and octopus minds.

Tickets for Rap Guide to Consciousness are available on [SoHo Playhouse's website](#), or in person at the SoHo Playhouse box office (15 Vandam St New York, NY 10013).



Rap Guide to Consciousness

Written and Performed by Baba Brinkman

Directed by Darren Lee Cole

Visual Design by Olivia Sebesky

SoHo Playhouse

15 Vandam St New York, NY 10013

New dates added:

Saturday, July 7, 2018 | 9:30PM

Sunday, July 8, 2018 | 8:30PM

Tuesday, July 10, 2018 | 8:30PM

Saturday, July 14, 2018 | 8PM

Sunday, July 15, 2018 | 8PM

Tuesday, July 17, 2018 | 8PM

Saturday, July 21, 2018 | 8PM

Sunday, July 22, 2018 | 8PM

Tuesday, July 24, 2018 | 8PM

Thursday, July 26, 2018 | 8PM

Saturday, July 28, 2018 | 8PM

Sunday, July 29, 2018 | 8PM

Tuesday, July 31, 2018 | 8PM

Thursday, August 2, 2018 | 8PM

Saturday, August 4, 2018 | 8PM

Sunday, August 5, 2018 | 8PM

Tuesday, August 7, 2018 | 8PM

Thursday, August 9, 2018 | 8PM

Saturday, August 11, 2018 | 8PM

Sunday, August 12, 2018 | 8PM

Tickets: \$39

Student Standby: \$20

For more information and ticket purchases visit:

<http://www.sohoplayhouse.com/event/45fadfa0b02552a56f009ed0741c7ea8>

ABOUT BABA BRINKMAN

Baba Brinkman is a Canadian rap artist and award-winning playwright. To date, Brinkman has written seven hip hop plays and released more than a dozen rap albums, toured the world, and enjoyed successful runs at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival and off-Broadway in New York. Brinkman is a pioneer in both science-based rap and also "lit-hop" or literary hip hop, with rap adaptations of *The Canterbury Tales*, *Beowulf*, and *Gilgamesh*.



However, he is best known for his “Rap Guide” science series. The first of those, 2011’s *Rap Guide to Evolution* (“Astonishing and brilliant” - NY Times), won a Scotsman Fringe First Award and a Drama Desk Award nomination, and was featured on US national TV on *The Rachel Maddow Show* and at the Seattle Science Festival opening for Stephen Hawking. 2015’s *Rap Guide to Religion* was an NY Times Critics’ Pick and earned him a second Drama Desk Award Nomination, and Baba is a recent recipient of the National Center for Science Education's "Friend of Darwin Award" for his efforts to improve the public understanding of evolutionary biology.

His play *Rap Guide to Consciousness* was a hit at the 2017 Edinburgh Fringe, exploring the material basis of brain science in hip hop form. His clever and distinctive style has earned him the attention of the *New York Times*, *Time Out New York*, *The Village Voice*, NPR, *Macleans*, CBC, and the BBC. When he is not on tour, Baba Brinkman resides in New York with his wife, neuroscientist and PBS TV host Dr. Heather Berlin, and their two children.