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**DROPPING SCIENCE VIA HIP-HOP THEATRE:
SOHO PLAYHOUSE ANNOUNCES REPRISE OF THREE SHOWS
IN BABA BRINKMAN'S ACCLAIMED "RAP GUIDE TO..." SERIES**

The first in the series, *Rap Guide to Evolution* (Fringe First Award Winner, Drama Desk Award Nominee), celebrates its 10 year anniversary, along with recent additions on the science and psychology of *Climate Change* and the neuroscience of *Consciousness*.

November 29, 2018 (New York, NY) – Rap artist, writer, and theater performer **Baba Brinkman** has been wowing audiences for ten years with his imaginative and award-winning *Rap Guide to...* series, in which he takes ideas from science and philosophy and presents them in an unforgettable platform: Hip-Hop. On **December 27th**, Baba will return to the SoHo Playhouse to present three of his best-loved shows in rotation, *Rap Guide to Evolution*, *Rap Guide to Climate Chaos*, and *Rap Guide to Consciousness*.



Baba started his series in 2009 with *Rap Guide to Evolution*, a “peer-reviewed rap” manifesto on the legacy of Charles Darwin and the surprising power of his theory to make sense of human origins and behavior. The show was created to complement a book written by UK microbiologist Dr. Mark Pallen, and was performed as part of the Bicentennial Cambridge Darwin Festival. Those performances were described by Science Magazine as “mesmerizing... this would probably do more to convince school children of evolution’s validity than any BBC or PBS special could.” What started as a passion project became a critic’s pick courtesy of *The New York Times*, who called the sold-out show “Astonishing and brilliant... with fizzing energy and spell-binding charisma.” *Time Out New York* gave it four stars, calling it “Totally original and thought-provoking.” *Rap Guide to Evolution* went on to receive a Drama Desk nomination for “Unique Theatrical Experience”.

Over the past 10 years, Brinkman has collaborated with scientists in a range of fields to expand his initial runaway hit into a full-fledged series, tackling the most challenging questions of our age. With six productions under his belt to date, Brinkman has become a mainstay in New York’s off-Broadway theater scene, a cerebral counterpart to the likes of Blue Man Group and Stomp, rapping his way through topics ranging from climate change to cognitive neuroscience, receiving critical acclaim and cosigns from popular scholars like Neil DeGrasse Tyson, Deepak Chopra, and Bill Nye.

Seeing a demand for something beyond individual limited runs, SoHo Playhouse Artistic Director Darren Lee Cole is delighted to include *Evolution*, *Climate Chaos*, and *Consciousness* in the theater's offerings this winter. On the need for a three show cycle, Cole said: "All this year while *Consciousness* was running, audience members would tell me 'Amazing, we love it! It's just too bad we missed his other rap guides..." Cole, who directed Brinkman's rap guides to *Religion*, *Climate Chaos*, and *Consciousness*, says he hopes to make the series an ongoing feature at the Soho Playhouse. "After the success of Hannah Gadsby's *Nanette* and with the upcoming run of *Fleabag*, we're all about disruptive, provocative work here at the Playhouse. I just hope we can add *Religion* to the rap guide series as well in 2019!"

BABA BRINKMAN'S RAP GUIDE TO...

Evolution* • *Consciousness* • *Climate Chaos

Written and Performed by Baba Brinkman

Consciousness and *Climate Chaos* Directed by Darren Lee Cole
Visual Design by Olivia Sebesky
Music by Tom Caruana and Dan Moross

Evolution Directed by Dodd Loomis
Visual Design by Wendall K. Harrington
Music by Mr. Simmonds

SoHo Playhouse
15 Vandam Street, New York, NY 10013

Tickets: \$39 per performance. Visit: www.sohoplayhouse.com/rapguide

Special Offer: \$59 for a pass to see all three. Visit: <https://goo.gl/tac4fk>

For more information & ticket purchases visit: www.sohoplayhouse.com or call (212) 691-1555

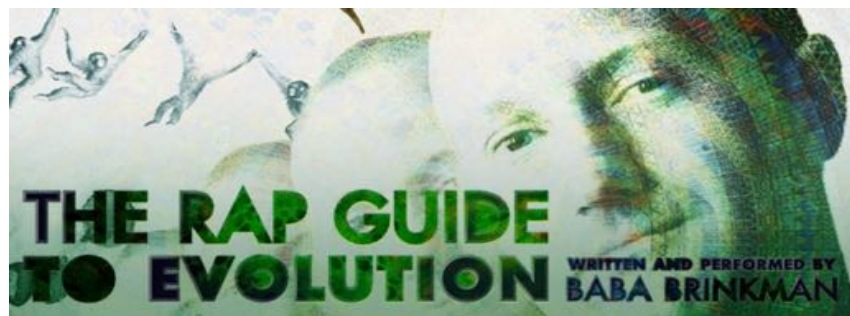
Rap Guide to Evolution

Get tickets here: <https://goo.gl/58Zh1q>

"Astonishing and brilliant!" (NY Times) A hip-hop tour of modern evolutionary biology, winner of the Scotsman Fringe First Award in Edinburgh and nominated for a Drama Desk Award off-Broadway. Baba Brinkman combines the skills and charisma of a rapper with the precision of a scientist, offering deep insights into human nature and the origins of all living things, including rappers. Back by popular demand!

Showtimes:

Dec 28 Friday 8:30pm
Dec 29 Saturday 8:30pm
Jan 4 Friday 9pm
Jan 5 Saturday 9pm
Jan 18 Friday 9pm
Jan 19 Saturday 9pm
Feb 1 Friday 8:30pm
Feb 2 Friday 8:30pm
Feb 9 Saturday 9pm
Feb 16 Saturday 9pm
Feb 23 Saturday 9pm



Rap Guide to Consciousness

Get tickets here: <https://goo.gl/NtNE2c>

“Peer reviewed rapper” Baba Brinkman takes a deep dive into the neuroscience of human experience, from sensations to hallucinations. “Exercise any free will you have and buy a ticket!” ★ ★ ★ ★ (London’s Evening Standard) Baba’s brain consists of tens of billions of neurons, none of which has any idea that he exists. And yet somehow those cells come together to produce a steady stream of ill rhymes and laughs, giving the expression “dropping science” a whole new meaning. Once you’ve seen through the eyes of embryos, octopuses, and self-conscious robots, your sense of reality may not survive intact!

Showtimes:

Dec 27 Thursday 8:30pm
Jan 2 Wednesday 8:30pm
Jan 3 Thursday 9pm
Jan 16 Wednesday 9pm
Jan 17 Thursday 9pm
Jan 23 Wednesday 9pm
Jan 24 Thursday 9pm
Jan 30 Wednesday 8:30pm
Jan 31 Thursday 8:30pm
Feb 6 Wednesday 9pm
Feb 13 Wednesday 9pm



Rap Guide to Climate Chaos

Get tickets here: <https://goo.gl/B1okyn>

Canadian tree planter turned rap artist Baba Brinkman breaks down the science and politics of global warming, following its surprising twists from the carbon cycle to the energy economy. “A musical tour of the defining issue of our time, bringing much-needed color, clarity, and humor” (Popular Science), *Climate Chaos* pulls no punches in confronting both the scale of the challenge and also the failings of human psychology that make it such an easy problem to ignore. With scientists, activists, contrarians, and even the Pope adding their voices to the soundtrack, get ready for a funny and refreshing take on the world’s hottest topic.

Showtimes:

Dec 30 Sunday 5pm
Jan 6 Sunday 3pm
Jan 13 Sunday 5pm
Jan 20 Sunday 5pm
Jan 27 Sunday 5pm
Feb 4 Monday 8:30pm
Feb 10 Sunday 7pm
Feb 11 Monday 9pm
Feb 17 Sunday 9pm
Feb 24 Sunday 9pm



BABA BRINKMAN ONLINE:



ABOUT BABA BRINKMAN



Baba Brinkman is a New York-based 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*.

Brinkman remains best known for his "Rap Guide to..." science series. The first of those, *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 MSNBC's "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 latest play *Rap Guide to Consciousness* was a hit at the 2017 Edinburgh Fringe, exploring the material basis of brain science in hip hop form. The show was featured on Star Talk with Neil deGrasse Tyson and recently completed an eight month off-Broadway run at the Soho Playhouse. Brinkman's 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 TV host Dr. Heather Berlin, and their two children.