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**Following highly acclaimed, sell-out performances in Dublin, New York, Sydney and London, Theatre Topikós is proud to present the Canadian debut of *5 Guys Chillin'* by Peter Darney.**

Woven together using the real words of guys found on Grindr, *5 Guys Chillin'* is a state of the nation play addressing one of the most urgent public health crises of the 21st century. In *5 Guys Chillin'*, we spend an evening with five gay men, shining light on a dark and often dangerous subculture of gay men who like to Party 'n' Play (PnP or chemsex); engaging in high risk sexual encounters while under the influence of recreational drugs. With more gay men falling into addiction, and an increase in incidents of chemsex-related crime, this taut, sexy and unflinching verbatim drama has never been more important.

J is our host, a once-successful designer who has descended so far into the chemsex scene that he is no longer able to work. He's invited M, an acquaintance, and the others over to 'PnP'. R and B are a scenester couple who trawl Grindr for somewhere to spend the weekend partying. PJ is closeted and a bit of an outsider, frequenting chillouts in a cloud of shame. Coming together, the men share experiences, drugs and sexual encounters with each other in a setting that is both brutally honest and untainted by the reality of their circumstances.

Compiled from real interviews by UK playwright **Peter Darney**, the show's biggest impact stems from its authenticity. Produced by **Theatre Topikós**, a Toronto-based theatre collective that has produced shows in Edinburgh, Dublin and Toronto. Directed by **Nick May**, Theatre Topikós' Artistic Director, a Toronto actor, director and playwright of award-winning comedy **WordPlay**. The incredible ensemble cast stars **Nate Callens, Alexander Plouffe, Alan Shonfield, Ahmed Muslimani** and **Mark Keller**.

Trigger Warnings: drug use, some nudity, adult content, explicit language



**PERFORMANCES:**

November 15th @ 8pm (Preview)  
November 16th – November 25th @ 8pm  
(excluding Monday)

Kensington Hall, 56 Kensington Avenue  
Advanced tickets available through [Eventbrite](#)

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