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When Robin Duke was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2008 her first instinct was to hide. Robin had written, performed and produced on stage and screen but she was determined that cancer was going to be a private performance. Now she's ready to go public.

In *I've Been Hacked: The Robin Duke Cancer Story*, we see the necessary intrusions of medical professionals and the voyeuristic ones of near-strangers at parties. We hear the rumours swirling around the acting world and share her feelings of exposure. But unlike on the stage where Robin's show girl self could shine on her own terms, cancer had its own stage directions. With stories, songs and characters, we watch Robin through her fears, her changing body image and her unexpected fashion choices. Robin asks hard-hitting questions. Like, why do the running women in the statue outside of the cancer centre all have two breasts? Why can't at least one of them represent?

But with all of these questions, Robin sees that there are no clear answers. The idea of being inspired, makes her really tired and in the end she finds something better than answers. In collaboration with director and theatre artist Martha Burns and myself, Robin Duke's one-woman show shines a light on her cancer adventure on her own terms.

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Join us at ELLICSR on Thursday July 21 at 1:30pm for a sneak preview of *I've Been Hacked: The Robin Duke Cancer Story*

Robin Duke is best known for her work in television writing and performing on SCTV and Saturday Night Live.

Robin appeared in films such as Groundhog Day and Hostage for a Day, and received an Emmy nomination for writing on SNL and a Gemini nomination for North of 60. She has received an Earle Grey Award and a Star on Canada's Walk of Fame. In 2013, Robin won the David Broadfoot "Comic Genius" award at the Canadian Comedy Award Festival. She writes, performs and produced the successful Women Fully Clothed, a sketch comedy troupe.

Robin is currently receiving critical acclaim for her performance in FXX's Man Seeking Woman as Patti.

Join other cancer survivors, caregivers and friends at ELLICSR: Health, Wellness & Cancer Survivorship Center for Community Connections!

Community Connections is a regular event at ELLICSR that is held on the third Thursday of every month.

Stop by Community Connections to:

- Get to know the supportive care organizations in your community
- Attend workshops and programs
- Meet other people affected by cancer

For more information about this event, call ELLICSR Reception at: 416-581-8620.

Community Connections at ELLICSR

Thursday July 21, 2016 9:30 am – 3:30 pm

Meet Community Partners

Drop by the community booth to meet a representative from national cancer care organizations to hear about programs and resources available in your community. You can visit anytime from 9:30 – 12:30 pm.

12:15 pm –
1:15 pm

ELLICSR Kitchen: Cooking for Health

Healthy Cooking on a Budget with SAVTI from POGO (young adults 16+).

Join our wellness chef and registered dietitian to get cooking tips and learn about healthy eating. Cooking samples always provided!

1:30 pm –
3:30 pm

I've Been Hacked: The Robin Duke Cancer Story

Robin Duke exposes herself with humour and pathos in the waiting game of diagnosis, treatment and recovery in this one-woman show about her experience with cancer. Now, she wants to hear your patient expertise. Attend this premiere performance and give us your feedback in a facilitated discussion.

No registration required.

The next Community Connections is:

**Thursday August 18,
2016, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm**

ELLICSR: Health, Wellness & Cancer Survivorship Centre

Located in the Toronto General Hospital. From the University Avenue entrance of Toronto General Hospital (near Starbucks), take the Munk elevators down to basement level (B). Follow the signs to ELLICSR.

Meet the Community Connections Supportive Care Organizations

Art for Cancer Foundation
416-763-8752
www.artforcancerfoundation.org



Bikur Cholim
416-783-7983
www.bikurcholim.ca



Bladder Cancer Canada
1-866-674-8889
www.bladdercancer.ca



The Canadian Cancer Society
1-888-939-3333
www.cancer.ca



The Colorectal Cancer Association of Canada (CCAC)
416-920-4333
www.colorectal-cancer.ca



The Canadian Amyloidosis Support Network
905-787-999 or 1-877-303-4999
info@thecasn.org



Dr. Jay Children's Grief Centre
416-360-1111
www.drjaychildrensgriefcentre.ca



Gilda's Club Greater Toronto
416-214-9898
www.gildasclubtoronto.org



Kidney Cancer Canada
1-866-598-7166
www.kidneycancer.ca



Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Canada (LLSC)
647-253-5503 or 1-877-668-8326 x5503
www.llscanada.org



Lung Cancer Canada
416-785-3439 or 1-888-445-4403
www.lungcancer.ca



Lymphoma Foundation Canada
1-866-659-5556
www.lymphoma.ca



Melanoma Network of Canada (MNC)
289-242-2010
www.melanomanetwork.ca



Nanny Angel Network
416-730-0025
www.nannyangelnetwork.com



The Olive Branch of Hope
416-256-3155 or 1-877-251-0770
olivebranch@theolivebranch.ca
www.theolivebranch.ca



Ovarian Cancer Canada
1-877-413-7970 x231
www.ovariancanada.org



Ovarian Cancer Peer Support Network
Greater Toronto Area
www.ovCAPeers.com



Pancreatic Cancer Canada
1-888-726-2269
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POGO
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www.pogo.ca



Prostate Cancer Canada
416-441-2131 or 1-888-255-0333
www.prostatecancer.ca



Rebounders
905-338-1530
www.rebounders.ca



Rethink Breast Cancer
www.rethinkbreastcancer.com



Testicular Cancer
519-894-0134
www.testicularcancer.ca



Thyroid Cancer Canada
416-487-8267
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Wellspring Cancer Support Network
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