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Fringe 2012: Gay Nerds

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PERFORMANCES:

Friday, July 6, 5:15 p.m. Sunday, July 8, 3 p.m. Tuesday, July 10, 5:45 p.m. Thursday, July 12, 4 p.m. Friday, July 13, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 14, 4 p.m.

VENUE:

Factory Mainspace (125 Bathurst Street)

Gay Nerds is a fairly high-risk show. Almost entirely dependent on the old play-within-a-play device and offering up a new popculture reference roughly every 90 seconds, it runs the risk of being a little too clever. Thankfully, the show manages to stay on the right side of the line. Eventually, it morphs into a hilarious-yet-touching story about friendship, love, and an easily-pushedaround man growing a backbone. Robert Keller earns audience sympathies as Ralphie, a shy LARPer and failed screenwriter who just wants to be left alone. Ryan Kerr is uproariously funny as Ralphie's aggressively outgoing housemate, Sam.

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