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from calgary i love you but you're killing me

calgary i love you... premiered at the 30th High Performance Rodeo in 2016. The production featured Denise Clarke (Magpie), Andy Curtis (Squirrel), Karen Hines (Gopher), & Jamie Tognazzini.

squirrel: Their tails are small and jumpy
In trees you'll find them not
Gophers sleep beneath the ground
Disgusted by all nuts

They turn away from nuts

I have some pretty gopher friends We hang, I like them lots

I don't invite them to my house

They are mystified by nuts

gopher: I'm turned off by his nuts

gopher: Squirrels climb those tall trees
They chitter never peep
They'd rather climb a dirty pole
Than roll around in weeds
I love to roll in weeds

There are squirrels at my gym They clean up really nice I cannot bring them to my place They don't like dandelions

squirrel: Repelled by dandelions

gopher: They don't like dandelions

full cast: Some of them are my friends

But I'd rather breed with a mitten

What would my family say

If brought one home for Christmas?

magpie: I wheel and turn above you

A corvid optimist

I get along with everyone
If I keep my distance
If I keep my distance

I'll eat nuts and dandelions And when the cars accrue I'll sit upon a fence and wait For sandwiches of you And pancakes made of you!

gopher: Of me?

magpie: Of you!

squirrel: Of me?

magpie: Of you!

gopher & squirrel: Oh no!

magpie: Of YOU!

musical break

full cast: Some of them are my friends but

I'd rather breed with a mitten What would my family say If brought one out to the cabin?

gopher: My mother would make you sleep in a pup tent.

magpie: I like pup tents.

gopher: Excuse me you guys, I just have to go across the road.

squirrel: Watch out for that car!