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## THE GREATEST SHOWS ON EARTH START TOMORROW



**WINNIPEG, July 12, 2011** – The circus is coming to town, so join the acrobats, jugglers and lion tamers at the Fringe Fairground (AKA: Old Market Square), as 12 days of theatre without a net begins! The Ringmaster will light the fuse on a three-ring circus of fun starting **Wednesday, July 13 at noon.**

### OPENING DAY DETAILS:

**Old Market Square** - The action starts with the *Big Top BIZ Noon-Hour Extravaganza* and goes straight to midnight, with appearances by Banshee’s Wail, Zap Circus, Enjoy Your Pumas and much more! As day turns to night, Ken Rudderham and Tim Cranwill return to the ring as evening hosts of the summer’s zaniest sideshow.

**Albert & Arthur Streets** - Kids Fringe on Albert is a funhouse from noon-6pm with carnival games, face painting, balloon sculpting, storytelling and more. The busker circles on Albert and Arthur will be going strong with lively entertainment and fantastical feats of daring.

**Indoor Shows** – The first of more than 1,200 performances by 150 companies from around the world kick off at 5:30pm. Tickets are only \$5 to \$10 and can be purchased in advance and at the door.

Advance tickets for all indoor Fringe shows, **Frequent Fringer Passes** (10 plays for only \$79) and **Buddy Passes** (14 shows for \$109) are available by calling the MTC Box Office at 942-6537, in person at 174 Market Avenue or online at [www.winnipegfringe.com](http://www.winnipegfringe.com). Fringe programs are available for \$5 at Liquor Marts, Safeway stores and McNally Robinson, and will go on sale (as of July 14) at Fringe Central, the Info Tent and at regular venues.

For more details on the 2011 Winnipeg Fringe Theatre Festival, please call **9-4-FRINGE** (943-7464) or visit [www.winnipegfringe.com](http://www.winnipegfringe.com).

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