



MEDIA RELEASE

## FRINGE FESTIVAL SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

**WINNIPEG, May 23, 2017** - Experience amazing theatre, live music and more at the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of **The Winnipeg Fringe Theatre Festival**. The festival of the summer is fast approaching and is bigger and better than ever! The Fringe is looking for more than 800 dedicated volunteers to help run the festival, which will take place in and around Winnipeg’s Downtown and Exchange District from **July 19-30, 2017**.

Each year, Manitobans generously donate over 17,000 hours during the festival to create an enjoyable experience for patrons and performers. Volunteering for the Fringe is a great way to contribute to the community, share your interest in the arts and an opportunity to gain access to special perks like free tickets to shows, appreciation events and more.

Volunteer roles at the Fringe Festival this year include selling tickets and ushering for shows, helping to keep drinks flowing at our beverage pavilions, facilitating fun with our pint-sized fringers at Kids Fringe, answering patron questions and keeping our indoor and outdoor spaces tidy.

Fringe volunteers are expected to commit to a minimum of four shifts (4-6 hours each) over the 12-day festival, and applications are now being accepted until July 14. For more information and how to apply, visit [www.winnipegfringe.com](http://www.winnipegfringe.com), call (204) 934-7464 or email [volunteers@winnipegfringe.com](mailto:volunteers@winnipegfringe.com)

### ABOUT THE WINNIPEG FRINGE THEATRE FESTIVAL

Going strong since 1988, the Winnipeg Fringe is the second-largest event of its kind in North America. We welcome over 170 companies from all over the world to present exciting independent theatre to appreciative audiences. The shows are usually around an hour in length, and ticket prices are kept low so that audiences can see as many shows as possible. Performing companies are accepted through a lottery process, and perform at 30 venues in and around Winnipeg’s Exchange District.

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