

WINNIPEG FRINGE KICKS OFF 32ND YEAR WITH PERFORMER LOTTERY

WINNIPEG, **December 5**, **2018** – On Tuesday, December 4, 2018, the Winnipeg Fringe Theatre Festival kicked off their 32nd year with the performer lottery.

This annual event took place The Goodwill Social Club, where Fringe applicants waited with excitement to see which companies will be participating in next year's festival. There was a total of 345 applicants for this year's lottery. The companies are chosen at random and included local, national, and international categories.

Total number of performance spots eligible for the lottery draws are 114 (54 Local, 32 National, 21 International, 7 KidsVenue). Ten companies also received a spot in the Winnipeg Fringe via the CAFF Touring Lottery and the winner of our New Play Contest also won a free spot in the festival. The Fringe has a total of 125 performance spots available this year in 12 main venues and the KidsVenue. For a full list of lottery winners, visit **winnipegfringe.com**

The event also included an announcement of winners for the 2019 **New Play Contest**. This year's jurors for the New Play Contest were Lara Rae and Trish Cooper – thanks to them for taking the time to read all the submissions and selecting the final results.

1st, and a free spot in the 2019 Winnipeg Fringe: *PURGE* by Ellie Caslake of Winnipeg

2nd, and \$250: (Art)ist by Daphne Finlayson of Winnipeg

3rd, and \$100: We All Got Lost by Camille Intson of London, ON

The **2019 Winnipeg Fringe Theatre Festival runs July 17-28**, **2019**. Frequent Fringer passes are on sale now.

For more information on this year's festival, visit www.winnipegfringe.com.

HIGH-RESOLUTION PHOTOS: For general festival shots and performer production photos visit the MEDIA section at www.winnipegfringe.com.

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