

## What is so cool about Fringe anyway?

### Successful touring couple explain

(Covington, KY) **Paul Strickland** and **Erika MacDonald** are a longtime couple who tour the Fringe “circuit” together every year. This year the second half of their summer tour includes the Winnipeg, Saskatoon, and Edmonton Fringes, which run consecutively, mid-July through late August.

This year, at each festival they will each be performing solo shows. (*Show details are provided below. Festival-specific venues, dates and times are provided on the next page.*)

The couple met back in 2013 when they each happened to bring a solo show to the Minnesota Fringe, one of the largest and longest-running Fringe Festivals in the U.S. The next summer they started touring together, and they haven’t stopped. The shows have changed, the exact combination of festivals can vary, but the appeal of performing their original works at Fringe festivals remains strong.

“Fringe is one of the few places where the performer on the stage in front of you is in the driver’s seat the whole way. The work we bring to Fringe is allowed to be as close as we can make it to the dream that is in our heads,” MacDonald explains. “As long as we keep it under sixty minutes, of course!”

Strickland continues, “If you’ve never been to Fringe before, you are in for a treat. Don’t go to just one show. Pick one or two shows you think you might like, then pick one you think you will hate, and go to them all. You might be surprised which one is your favorite.”

“And then talk to people in the lines, or the people sitting near you. Ask them what they have seen that has blown their minds or opened their hearts,” MacDonald adds. “Go to the beer tents afterwards. If you recognize one of the artists, buy them a beer! They might even be game to chat with you and answer any (respectful) questions you have about their show.”

“If you do it right,” Paul explains, “you’ll DEFINITELY see something that you’ve never seen before and something that will live in your brain for months after you’ve seen it. I still think about a show I saw, randomly, in 2010. I didn’t know the performer. I actually never got to know them. But their work still pops up in my mind from time to time and lives on.”

### SHOW INFO

#### **The Barn Identity** (Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Edmonton)

This international storyteller saw a movie and it put her in the ER. Now she's fascinated by old barns. A lyrical comedy about solving the riddle of your obsessions... before it's too late.

“As if pulled straight from a Joni Mitchell song, Erika MacDonald’s solo show weaves a magic spell... An absolute delight” - KCFringe Review

*written and performed by Erika MacDonald, direction and music by Paul Strickland*

**Link to press kit with high res photos:** <https://www.othererika.com/press>

#### **90 Lies an Hour - Paul Strickland** (Winnipeg, Edmonton)

Mark Twain meets Salvador Dali when 18X Best of Fest Winner Paul Strickland brings this award-winning LIE-LARIOUS collection of tall-tales and songs from his Ain't True & Uncle False!

“... an expert raconteur who spins hilariously entertaining stories...” - St. Paul Pioneer Press

*written and performed by Paul Strickland, directed by Erika MacDonald*

**Link to press kit with high res photos:** <https://bit.ly/90LaHPR>

#### **Actually Unfactual: Funny Fictions by Paul Strickland** (Saskatoon)

Paul will tell different stories from his 7+ hour repertoire each night, chosen based on conversation with the audience during the preshow. He has all these stories, so he might as well tell’m!

“All these stories, told with clever verbal humor and the occasional song, end up with rather profound insights into human nature delivered in a most amusing way.” - City Beat

*written and performed by Paul Strickland*

**Link to press kit with high res photos:** [www.ainttrue.com/](http://www.ainttrue.com/)

## TICKETS AND INFORMATION

### WINNIPEG FRINGE - The Barn Identity

Tickets are on sale now. Advance tickets can be purchased online or in person at the Festival Box Office. Any remaining tickets go on sale at the venue approximately one hour before the performance.

**TICKET LINK:** <https://www.winnipegfringe.com/performer-detail.aspx?kw=Other+Erika+Presents>

**VENUE:** Venue 28 - Creative Manitoba - 245 McDermott Ave. 4th floor, Winnipeg MB

**SHOW DATES AND TIMES (60 minutes):** Wed July 19 5:30pm; Thu July 20 5:30pm; Fri July 21 5:30pm; Sat July 22 2:30pm; Mon July 24 5:30pm; Tue July 25 7:00pm; Thu July 27 5:30pm; Fri July 28 7:00pm; Sat July 29 4:00pm; Sun July 30 1:00pm.

**PRICING:** \$12 General Admission; \$10 Discount Tickets for 25 and under; \$6 Discount Tickets for the first performance. Advance tickets charge an additional fee. Tickets at the door are cash only.

**RATING:** Parental Guidance - Mature themes, Audience participation

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE:** YES, Elevator available upon request

**Festival dates: July 19-30, 2023. For more about Winnipeg Fringe visit [winnipegfringe.com](http://winnipegfringe.com)**

### WINNIPEG FRINGE - 90 Lies an Hour - Paul Strickland

Tickets are on sale now. Advance tickets can be purchased online or in person at the Festival Box Office. Any remaining tickets go on sale at the venue approximately one hour before the performance.

**TICKET LINK:** <https://www.winnipegfringe.com/performer-detail.aspx?kw=Paul+Strickland+Presents>

**VENUE:** Venue 21 - MTYP - Mainstage - 2 Forks Market Road (The Forks) Winnipeg MB

**SHOW DATES AND TIMES (60 minutes):** Wed July 19 7:45pm; Thu July 20 8:45pm; Fri July 21 9:30pm; Sat July 22 4:45pm; Tue July 25 7:00pm; Wed July 26 6:45pm; Thu July 27 5:15pm; Fri July 28 7:00pm; Sat July 29 9:45pm; Sun July 30 8:30pm.

**PRICING:** \$12 General Admission; \$10 Discount Tickets for 25 and under. Advance tickets charge an additional fee. Tickets at the door are cash only.

**RATING:** General

**ACCESSIBILITY:** Low vision/ Blind

**Festival dates: July 19-30, 2023. For more about Winnipeg Fringe visit [winnipegfringe.com](http://winnipegfringe.com)**

### SASKATOON FRINGE - The Barn Identity

Tickets go on sale July 10th. Advance tickets can be purchased at [25thstreettheatre.org](http://25thstreettheatre.org) or during the Festival at the Sales Office in W.E. Graham Park. Tickets are also available at the door (for purchase by credit card only) starting one half hour before showtime.

**TICKET LINK:** <https://www.25thstreettheatre.org/saskatoon-fringe/2023shows/barn-identity/>

**VENUE:** The Refinery, 609 Dufferin Ave., Saskatoon SK S7N 1C4

**SHOW DATES & TIMES (60 minutes):**

Thursday, August 3rd, 7:00pm; Saturday, August 5th, 6:00pm; Sunday, August 6th, 4:00pm; Monday, August 7th, 6:00pm; Tuesday, August 8th, 6:00pm; Wednesday, August 9th, 6:00pm; Saturday, August 12th, noon.

**PRICING:** \$16 (plus GST)

**RATING:** Ages 13+ - Mental Health

**Festival dates: August 3-12, 2023. For more about Saskatoon Fringe visit [25thStreetTheatre.org](http://25thStreetTheatre.org)**

### SASKATOON FRINGE - Actually Unfactual: Funny Fictions by Paul Strickland

Tickets go on sale July 10th. Advance tickets can be purchased at [25thstreettheatre.org](http://25thstreettheatre.org) or during the Festival at the Sales Office in W.E. Graham Park. Tickets are also available at the door (for purchase by credit card only) starting one half hour before showtime.

**TICKET LINK:** <https://www.25thstreettheatre.org/saskatoon-fringe/2023shows/actually-unfactual/>

**VENUE:** The Cosmo, 614 11th St. E, Saskatoon SK

**SHOW DATES & TIMES (60 minutes):**

Thursday, August 3rd, 8:30pm; Saturday, August 5th, 2:30pm; Sunday, August 6th, 2:30pm; Monday, August 7th, 4:00pm; Wednesday, August 9th, 9:00pm; Thursday, August 10th, 6:00pm; Saturday, August 12th, 5pm.

**PRICING:** \$16 (plus GST)

**RATING:** Ages 13+

**Festival dates: August 3-12, 2023. For more about Saskatoon Fringe visit [25thStreetTheatre.org](http://25thStreetTheatre.org)**

## TICKETS AND INFORMATION (CONT.)

### EDMONTON FRINGE - The Barn Identity

#### TICKETS AND INFORMATION

Tickets and passes go on sale August 9. Tickets can be purchased online at [fringetheatre.ca](http://fringetheatre.ca) or in person during the festival.

**VENUE:** Venue 34 - Roots on Whyte, 8135 102 St NW, Edmonton, AB T6E 4A4

**SHOW DATES AND TIMES (60 minutes):** Fri. Aug. 18 8:15pm; Sat. Aug. 19 4:15pm; Sun. Aug. 20 2:45pm; Tue. Aug. 22 5pm; Wed. Aug. 23 8:15pm; Thu. Aug. 24 6:30pm; Fri. Aug. 25 6:45pm; Sat. Aug. 26 2:45pm; Sun. Aug. 27 4:15pm.

**PRICING:** \$15 General Admission (plus ticketing fees)

**RATING:** PG

**Festival dates: August 17-27, 2023. For more about Edmonton Fringe visit [fringetheatre.ca](http://fringetheatre.ca)**

### EDMONTON FRINGE - 90 Lies an Hour - Paul Strickland

#### TICKETS AND INFORMATION

Tickets and passes go on sale August 9. Tickets can be purchased online at [fringetheatre.ca](http://fringetheatre.ca) or in person during the festival.

**VENUE:** Venue 34 - Roots on Whyte, 8135 102 St NW, Edmonton, AB T6E 4A4

**SHOW DATES AND TIMES (60 minutes):** Thu. Aug. 17 8:15pm; Fri. Aug. 18 6:30pm; Sat. Aug. 19 2:30pm and 8:00pm; Sun. Aug. 20 1:00pm and 6:00pm; Tue. Aug. 22 6:45pm; Wed. Aug. 23 5:00pm; Thu. Aug. 24 8:15pm; Fri. Aug. 25 5:00pm; Sat. Aug. 26 1:00pm and 6:30pm; Sun. Aug. 27 2:30pm.

**PRICING:** \$15 General Admission (plus ticketing fees)

**RATING:** PG

**Festival dates: August 17-27, 2023. For more about Edmonton Fringe visit [fringetheatre.ca](http://fringetheatre.ca)**

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