



Two old men escape from a care home and go to a metal festival

Written by **Rob Gee**. Directed by **Ryan Gladstone**.

Performed by **Rob Gee** and **Jon Paterson**.

Venue 14: The King's Head Pub. **Tickets** \$14 (\$10). **Running time:** 60 minutes.

Warnings: adult language, drug references. Recommended age 16+

Loosely based on a nearly true story...

Cyril doesn't like old people, which is a shame because he is one. When he learns his estranged granddaughter, Lily, has her big break with her thrash metal band, Abscess, he and his friend Neville are determined to show up and support her. Neither of them will ever be the same again.

AWOL's creator Rob Gee was inspired to write the show by a news item from Germany: "It turned out to be apocryphal, but I loved the idea. I wanted to write a feel-good adventure caper with a positive message about aging. It's also a love letter to metalheads!"

UK-based comedian, poet and former mental health nurse, Rob has had several hit shows at Winnipeg Fringe, including *Forget Me Not: The Alzheimer's Whodunnit* ("Smart, witty and razor-sharp" CBC ★★★★★).

Jon Paterson (*How I Met My Mother* - "Humorous, heartfelt and moving" Orlando Sentinel) has worked in theatre for thirty years and performed at every major fringe festival in North America.

Rob and Jon have been friends for seventeen years. Rob said, "I always wanted to work with Jon, because I knew it'd be a riot of fun. If we'd been at school, they'd never have allowed us to sit together."

Ryan Gladstone is artistic director of Monster Theatre and creator of numerous fringe hits, including *Til Death* and *Juliet: A Revenge Comedy*. "A natural comedian" CBC.

AWOL is back by popular demand after selling out its entire run at last year's Winnipeg Fringe.

"Comedy gold." Edmonton Journal ★★★★★

AWOL is at Venue 14: The King's Head Pub, 20 King St, Winnipeg, MB R3B 1H9 at the following times:

Wed July 17th, 6pm	Fri July 19th, 5pm	Sat July 20th, 7pm	Sun July 21st, 4pm	Mon July 22nd, 6pm
Tues July 23rd, 8pm	Thur July 25th, 6pm	Fri July 26th, 7pm	Sat July 27th, 5pm	Sun July 28th, 6pm

Tickets \$14 (\$10 age 25 and under) available from winnipegfringe.com or from Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre Box office, 174 Market Ave. For more information ring 204-942-6537 or go to winnipegfringe.com.