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## **Ingi's Fingies: The Weirdest Puppet Show You've Ever Seen**

**July 1, 2024.** "Utterly magical, insanely inventive, wickedly funny" is how the Winnipeg Free Press described Ingrid Hansen. On television, Hansen puppeteers for Sesame Workshop and the Jim Henson Company's *Fraggle Rock*. On stage at the Winnipeg Fringe Festival, she creates puppet characters with nothing but her hands, found objects, mirrors and camera illusions. ***Ingi's Fingies*** is a new family-friendly puppet show, hot on the heels of SNAFU's success with their spicy adult puppet show *Epidermis Circus* which just had a sold out run off Broadway. Now, all humans aged 5+ can meet the famed Baby Tyler and watch him discover his unique superpowers.

"I love performing in Winnipeg," Hansen says. "Last year we had one audience member come back to see our puppet show six times in a row! It's been so fun to make this new show. We find ourselves having very serious discussions about the color of the gummy bear DJ's turntables, and then bursting into laughter at how ludicrous it all sounds."

Some folks may know Hansen as Heart, the orange monster on Sesame's Emmy Award Winning TV series *Helpsters*, or Ma Gorg on the legendary Jim Henson series *Fraggle Rock: Back to the Rock*. The 2022 *Fraggle Rock* series Ma Gorg is the same giant puppet costume used in the original 1980s show. "The puppet is older than I am, and it doesn't even smell! The puppet's head is so heavy it was counterweighted with a bag of 1980s Canadian pennies. I'm doing special exercises so I can get a buff neck to support the weight."

This summer Hansen returns to Winnipeg Fringe with her new show *Ingi's Fingies*. You can find Hansen performing at the Prairie Theatre Exchange on the third floor of the Portage Place Mall in Winnipeg July 18th-28th.

“A GENIUS of physical comedy” - Entertainment World

“HILARIOUS. Her physicality is impeccable. Absurd and profoundly human.” - Saskatoon StarPhoenix

“Hansen's hands-in-motion have the kind of presence that is often attributed to the greatest stage performers -- transfixing the audience, and creating pin-drop silence interspersed with spontaneous bursts of laughter.” - Culture Catch NYC

#### SHOWTIMES

Thursday, July 18 4:45 PM

Friday, July 19 7:30 PM

Saturday, July 20 3:30 PM

Monday, July 22 7:00 PM

Tuesday, July 23 8:45 PM

Wednesday, July 24 4:15 PM

Thursday, July 25 9:30 PM

Friday, July 26 5:00 PM

Saturday, July 27 7:15 PM

Sunday, July 28 3:15 PM

TICKETS \$14

<https://www.snafudance.com/ingis-fingies.html>

Co-created and Performed by Ingrid Hansen

Co-created and Directed by Britt Small

Music by Hank Pine

Costume by JIMBO The Drag Clown (Winner of Ru Paul's Drag Race)

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