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WINNIPEG FRINGE THEATRE FESTIVAL CELEBRATES ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR

WINNIPEG, July 30, 2025 – The Winnipeg Fringe Theatre Festival wrapped up its 38th year on July 27. Performing companies from across the globe brought comedy, improv, dance, drama, musicals and more to stages across downtown Winnipeg. Fringe fans enjoyed 12 days of theatre as well as free entertainment at the Bell MTS Outdoor Stage and Kids Fringe at Old Market Square.

The total indoor ticketed attendance was **84,936** with **157** sold-out performances and **\$842,435.40** in box office revenue that was returned to the performing companies, a **4%** increase over last year. The festival featured **148** indoor companies with **1,149** total performances. Outdoor attendance at Old Market Square was estimated to be over **30,000**.

The Manitoba Association of Playwrights (MAP) presented the 2025 Harry S. Rintoul Award for Best New Manitoba Play to *The Goose* by Ellen Peterson. The honourable mention went to *Third Party* by Thomas McLeod. Other nominees included *Daredevils* by Ellen Peterson, *I Hope You Know* by Adia Branconnier and *Tycho Freakin' Brahe!* by Heather Madill and Joseph Aragon.

The 2026 Winnipeg Fringe Theatre Festival will run from July 15 - 26.

ABOUT THE WINNIPEG FRINGE THEATRE FESTIVAL

The Winnipeg Fringe Theatre Festival has enjoyed tremendous growth since it was founded as part of the Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre in 1988 and currently ranks as the second-largest event of its kind in North America. Every year, the Winnipeg Fringe Festival welcomes companies from all over the world to present exciting independent theatre to appreciative audiences.

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