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### **Fraggle Rock Puppeteer Tours to Winnipeg Fringe with Surreal Comedy**

June 14, 2022, Winnipeg. Ingrid Hansen cut her teeth performing on the Canadian fringe festival circuit, touring every summer from 2010-2018. Hansen was all booked to do a seven-city fringe festival tour in 2019, when she got the call from Sesame Workshop, offering her a job puppeteering on the new television series *Helpsters* in New York City. Hansen was hiding out behind the photocopier in an elementary school staffroom (on break from puppeteering for Ms. Dawson’s grade three class,) when Sesame producers called, and told her how to get—how to get to Sesame Street.

Hansen spent six months filming *Helpsters* in New York City, inside of a refrigerator-sized lovable orange monster puppet named Heart. From there she got hired on a reboot of the classic Jim Henson Company series *Fraggle Rock*. This coming summer, between TV gigs, Hansen gets to return to her fringe stomping grounds with her new show *Epidermis Circus*, only, these aren’t the puppets you’re used to. On television, Hansen puppeteers foam-and-fleece puppets in the Muppet-style. On stage at the Fringe Festival, she creates puppet characters with nothing but her hands, found objects, mirrors and camera illusions. *Epidermis Circus* is a spicy puppet cabaret where the guests are different parts of the human body, hosted by sassy grandma Florence McFingernails, and featuring guest standup comedian Lenny the Boob.

Hansen’s past fringe shows *The Merkin Sisters*, *Interstellar Elder*, *Little Orange Man*, and *Snack Music* all earned rave 5 star reviews, press that helped Hansen obtain the US work visa she needed to work on Sesame Street. Rated 13+, Hansen’s *Epidermis Circus* is not a show for children, “unless they have really chill parents,” says Hansen. You can find Hansen performing at the Winnipeg Fringe Festival July 13th-24th.

“A GENIUS of physical comedy” - Entertainment World.

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

## DATES

WED July 13th @ 6:00 PM  
THU July 14th @ 10:00 PM  
FRI July 15th @ 7:45 PM  
SAT July 16th @ 6:00 PM  
SUN July 17th @ 10:00 PM  
MON July 18th @ 7:45 PM  
TUE July 19th @ 6:00 PM  
WED July 20th @ 10:00 PM  
THU July 21st @ 7:45 PM  
FRI July 22nd @ 6:00 PM  
SAT July 23rd @ 10:00 PM  
SUN July 24th @ 8:00 PM

FRINGE VENUE #17, The Colin Jackson Studio  
At the Prairie Theatre Exchange,  
3rd floor of Portage Place Mall  
393 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg

Tickets On Sale starting June 21st at [winnipegfringe.com](http://winnipegfringe.com)

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