

## **GET OUT HERE AND START FRINGING!**

# The Winnipeg Fringe Theatre Festival starts on July 17

**WINNIPEG**, **July 12**, **2019** – The Fringing frenzy is about to begin! The  $32^{nd}$  annual Fringe Festival, which runs from July 17-28, offers a diverse range of shows for all ages and tastes. Head to the heart of the festival in Old Market Square for free entertainment and activities for everyone.

#### **OPENING DAY EVENTS**

**OLD MARKET SQUARE:** At noon, the festival launches with live music by *Big Heist Brass Band* on the Outdoor Stage and continues at 6pm with *Jared Adams*, 8pm with *Last Chance Gang and Romi Mayes* at 10pm.

**SNACK AND SHOP:** Our onsite food and merchant vendors open at noon daily until midnight. Choose from a variety of local offerings such as Better Than Baba's, KYU Grill, The Little Eggplant – Italian Street Food, Nucci's Gelati and many more!

**INDOOR SHOWS:** The first performing companies hit the stage at 6pm. Buy a ticket for only \$12 or purchase a Frequent Fringer Pass to get the most out of the fest for less! Get your tickets in advance at 174 Market Ave. and at winnipegfringe.com. Keep an eye out for special company discounts and half-price performances for budget-friendly Fringing!

**KIDS FRINGE:** Celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Kids Fringe with free family-friendly activities at the Red River College Courtyard beside Old Market Square. Kids Venue shows (\$6 for children 12 and under) located at The Forks offer specially crafted plays for young families by performing companies from across the globe.

## **FRINGE LAUNCH**

Wednesday, July 17 at 12pm
Old Market Square, King St. & Bannatyne Ave.

Interviews with Chuck McEwen, Fringe Festival Executive Producer, will take place immediately after introductions at noon. Please RSVP to kcerrer@royalmtc.ca by Tue, July 16 at noon.

### **OPENING WEEKEND EVENTS**

**VENDOR MARKET:** The Fringe is excited to present our 2019 vendor market in partnership with Luckygirl Pop Up on July 20 & 21 and July 27 & 28, from 3 to 9pm. The market will offer an eclectic and diverse range of local crafts, clothing, jewelry, art and more. It will be located on Arthur Street across from Old Market Square and will feature a lineup of 22 vendors each day.

Full details on show schedules, ticketing information and activities are available at winnipegfringe.com and in our official Fringe program. Programs are available for only \$5 at Liquor Mart stores, Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre and McNally Robinson Booksellers.

**FILMING IN THE SQUARE:** Please let the Fringe publicist know in advance if you're planning on shooting Fringe footage or broadcasting from your live truck.

HIGH-RESOLUTION PHOTOS: For general festival shots visit the MEDIA section at winnipegfringe.com.

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