



TICKETS & PASSES ON SALE NOW

2017 Winnipeg Fringe Theatre Festival

WINNIPEG, June 19, 2017 – This year marks the 30th Anniversary of the **WINNIPEG FRINGE THEATRE FESTIVAL**. From **July 19-30**, the Exchange District will come alive as thousands of theatre enthusiasts join together to enjoy live music, tasty food and stories from around the globe. This year’s festival is bigger and better than ever, offering 190 shows from across Canada and around the world.

Advance tickets and passes are now on sale, and are available at winnipegfringe.com or in person at 174 Market Avenue. Tickets are wallet-friendly at \$10-\$12 and \$5 for children (12 and under) at the Kids Venue. Purchase a Fringe program to access a full listing of shows, venues and other essential information to help navigate the festival. Programs are now available for only \$5 at Manitoba Liquor Marts, the Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre and select locations around Winnipeg (for a full list of locations visit winnipegfringe.com).

NEW THIS YEAR

PATRON REVIEWS: Patrons can share their thoughts about the plays they’ve seen with all Fringers by submitting an online review to the **www.Fringe.Exchange** website created by our partners at 100% Helpdesk. Not only will you be able to post or read patron reviews for all of the shows in the festival, but you’ll also have access to more information provided by the performing companies about their shows.

NEW PLAY CONTEST: To support Canadian artists in their quest to bring new work to the stage, we’re thrilled to announce the inaugural Winnipeg Fringe New Play Contest. We invite artists to submit original, unproduced plays and musicals for a chance to win a free spot in the 2018 Winnipeg Fringe Theatre Festival. Submissions will be accepted in early fall. For details on eligibility and applications, please visit www.winnipegfringe.com

SEE 7 SHOWS FOR \$63: Fringers can save even more by purchasing a **FREQUENT FRINGER PASS** and see 14 shows for only \$123 or opt for the new pass, 7 shows for \$63.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS YEAR’S FESTIVAL:

- **KIDS FRINGE:** Celebrate free family fun from noon – 3 pm on weekdays and noon - 6 pm on weekends in the Red River College Courtyard beside Old Market Square. Young fringers can participate in activities like crafts, games, demonstrations and more.
- **LIVE MUSIC:** On the outdoor stage, local bands in our noon-hour concert series and nightly featured acts (10 pm) entertain crowds. Check out *The Dirty Catfish Brass Band*, *The Noble Thiefs*, *The Bloody Historians*, *Andino Suns*, *The Middle Coast*, *Mama Cutsworth* and many more.
- **REFUEL & RECHARGE:** Enjoy local offerings like *Better Than Baba’s*, *Fired Up Wood Fired Pizza*, *Habanero Sombrero*, *India Palace Restaurant*, *KYU Grill*, *Lemon Heaven*, *Little Bones Wings*, *Mini O’s Mini Donuts*, *Nucci’s*, *Sidewalk Sizzler*, *Stella’s Catering* and more! Sit, relax and quench your thirst at the Okanagan Spring Beer Tent and Liquor Mart Patio.

For high-resolution photos and logos, visit the **MEDIA** page at www.winnipegfringe.com/media.

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