

FAREWELL TO FRINGE FESTIVAL

Fringe Festival finishes up another year of indie theatre fun

WINNIPEG, July 26, 2022 – On Sunday, July 24, the Winnipeg Fringe Theatre Festival wrapped up its 35th year. Over 12 days, the city came together to enjoy shows from near and far, eat delicious food, dance to live music and peruse the wares of vendors.

The total indoor ticketed attendance was 59,845 with 56 sold-out performances and \$536,365.50 in box office revenue that was returned to the performing companies. The festival featured 111 indoor companies with 983 indoor performances.

Executive Producer Chuck McEwen says of the festival, “After three long years, I was so pleased to once again see Fringers bustling throughout the Exchange District enjoying the 111 incredible indoor productions, as well as the crowds taking in the bands and performers in Old Market Square. I know all of the artists really appreciated the opportunity to once again share their stories in person with our incredible Fringe fans. We were proud to see almost 60,000 tickets sold for the event and to return over \$536,000 to the performers.”

FRINGE HIGHLIGHTS

- **FRINGE: A LOVE STORY:** Alex Richardson (choreographer and dancer, PointeTango) surprises audiences – and his partner – by proposing to Erin Scott-Kafadar during the last Winnipeg performance of their show, *Tango, to the Pointe*.

“Erin and I have been dating for the past 10 years. After falling in love while dancing the lead roles in a ballet production of *Cinderella*, we began dating, travelling the world and running our company. By dancing the tango with Erin, I feel I get to fall in love over and over again,” said Alex.

- **HARRY S. RINTOUL MEMORIAL AWARD:** The Manitoba Association of Playwrights (MAP) presented the 2022 the award for best new Manitoban play to Sarah Flynn for her play *Whatever Happens After?.* The honourable mention went Jo Burdon, Victoria Emilie Hill, Edward Wiebe and Tanner Manson for their work *FERN*.

The 2023 Winnipeg Fringe Theatre Festival will run from July 19 – 30.

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