



## LET THE FRINGE TIMES ROLL

### Fringe Festival starts off with a vibrant opening weekend

WINNIPEG, July 18, 2022 – A little rain and heat can't stop Winnipeg's Fringe fanatics from enjoying all the fun that Fringe has to offer. Through the first five days, Fringe Festival has brought together longtime Fringers and those who have never Fringed before to the Exchange District and beyond for food, fun and Fringe.

#### COMING THIS WEEK

- **LUNCH AND A SHOW:** Fringe's free noon-hour concert series at Old Market Square continues with performances by *Brandi Vezina*, *Bobby Dove*, *Annaxis* and *Victoria Turko*.
- **KIDS FRINGE FUN:** The fun and games continue at the new Kids Fringe location at Stephen Juba Park with guest visits from Graffiti Art Programming, the Winnipeg Art Gallery-Qaumajuq and their mobile art exhibit: Nakatamaakewin, and MPI's I Cycle Safely activity tent.
- **SOMETHING NEW:** This year's merchant vendors will change from day to day, offering a varied shopping experience over the course of the festival.
- **FRINGE FAVOURITES:** Fringe reaches out to the next generation to offer their recommendations with the NextGen Fringers program, for those aged 16-23. Check out their suggestions using the hashtag #NextGenFringer or on the @WinnipegFringe's Instagram under their highlights.
- **FRINGE FOR ALL:** Everyone is invited to enjoy Fringe shows with our Accessible Shows list available on our website. This year has seven shows that are accessible to those who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing, 13 that are accessible to those who have English as a new language and 24 that are accessible to those who are Blind or Low Vision. Four performances have ASL interpretation this year. Over 80% of the venues are wheelchair accessible and courtesy seats are held for those who use a wheelchair or have mobility restrictions.
- **Harry S. Rintoul Award:** The winner of the Harry S. Rintoul Award for Best New Manitoba Play at the Winnipeg Fringe Festival will be awarded live on stage at Old Market Square on Sunday, July 24 at 7pm. The winner receives \$750 and an honourable mention will receive \$250.

For more information and a complete schedule of activities, visit [winnipegfringe.com](http://winnipegfringe.com)

**FILMING IN THE SQUARE:** Please let Lauren Wagn, Communications and Social Media Manager, know in advance if you're planning on shooting Fringe footage or broadcasting from your truck.

**HIGH-RESOLUTION PHOTOS:** For general festival shots and performer production photos visit the MEDIA section at [winnipegfringe.com](http://winnipegfringe.com)

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