



CALGARY FRINGE NEWSLETTER

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FRINGE 101

Ten months down with two (Agh!) to go, the Calgary Fringe Festival is revving up as we approach our August 11th launch. Our small 4th Street office is so bustling that some staff are working with laptops on the floor. The phone never stops ringing, nor will the floodtide of e-mails ebb in the least!

For those who found us at the Lilac Festival, welcome to the mailing list and thanks for stopping by! Inclement weather aside, we had a blast – handing out over 1500 flyers and four-hundred buttons. Not one, but TEN groups stopped to take pictures of loved ones next to our Fringe Mobile (and if, perchance, that was you – send us some shots).

Point being, things are hectic here at Fringe HQ. Hectic...but exciting. There will be big, brimming, action-packed newsletters heading your way July 1st and August 1st, so consider this your primer for all things Fringe – your Introduction to the Calgary Fringe Festival 101.

First thing first: Our WEB SITE will be undergoing a major update June 25th. Mark your calendar and revisit the new and refurbished www.calgaryfringe.ca.

THEATRE

We are currently at capacity with thirty-six indoor theatre productions, an eclectic mix of local, national, and international productions, heading your way from such distant, exotic locales as New York, North Dakota, Hamilton, and...uh...Winnipeg! We recently completed our Festival Schedule of Indoor Theatre Productions, and that will be posted on-line June 25th, along with detailed descriptions of all the shows coming to Fringe '06.

TICKETS

Tickets to all these shows will be made available, on-line, late July. (Newsletter subscribers take note: we're looking to give you a jump on the rush. Stay tuned...) Tickets can be purchased through our web site – we accept Visa, Mastercard, or Debit. But if the Internet isn't your thing, not to worry – the Fringe will retain 25% of tickets for at-door sales, always available one hour prior to performance.

FILM

Submissions to the Calgary Fringe Film Festival have been pouring in from all around the globe – China, Madrid, Russia – and diligent Fringe staff are spending their free evenings watching the submissions. The Film Festival is shaping up to be an international cinematic event. All screenings will occur in two hour blocks – a combination of select shorts and a feature. For more information or to submit a film, please contact film@calgaryfringe.ca.

VISUAL ARTS

Our visual arts component is still in development, but we're already planning visual art installations, body artists, graffiti artists and other exciting visual art initiatives. If you're artistically inclined, Aviva is looking for artists and members to sit on a visual arts committee. She can be reached at aviva@calgaryfringe.ca.

STREET PERFORMANCE and BUSKING and MUSIC (oh my)

Another component still in development, but we've said it once and we'll say it again, our featured street performance troupe is none other than HIGH STRUNG, a local (but internationally renowned) aerial acrobatics duo. Wait – have we mentioned the youth performance circus pitching their tent on-site?

We're still on the lookout for street performers and buskers, and our application forms are available online at www.calgaryfringe.ca.

We're also planning for our outdoor stage, which will feature loads of local and national musical talent, as assembled by Edmonton's DJ Slip Disc. Musicians or DJs interested in performing on our outdoor stage, please contact penny@calgaryfringe.ca.

VENDORS

Applications for vendors are pouring in, and we're adding vendor locations to accommodate the enthusiastic response. Locations are still available. For more information, please contact vendor@calgaryfringe.ca or Jennifer Rempel at (403) 630-4353.

VOLUNTEERS

The Calgary Fringe is actively seeking volunteers. Fringe volunteers get free shows, free swag, and help mount a landmark Calgary cultural event. We couldn't do it without you. Yes – YOU!!! If you're interested in volunteering at the Fringe, contact our volunteer coordinator at volunteer@calgaryfringe.ca for more information.

LAST WORDS

We'll keep you posted on all Fringe events as they are finalized, but make sure you've cleared your calendars from August 11-20 so don't miss a thing!

Finally, since this is our first time up to bat, anything you can do to help us spread the word is much appreciated. And in return – we've got your back. Tell your friends. Tell your family. Spam your co-workers with web site info. Be a general nuisance to everyone you know – they'll thank you in the end. And seriously, next brawl, we're the backup.

And if you have any questions or comments, or you just want to chat, feel free to CONTACT US at: info@calgaryfringe.ca, or 403-209-0477.

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COME OUT & play



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