



# CALGARY FRINGE NEWSLETTER

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## FRINGE 101

If you'll allow us a moment of nostalgia, we set out on this journey over eleven months ago, in the thick of August 2K5 – and while time may not have “flown” exactly, it's hard to believe we're less than two weeks away from the launch of the brand new Calgary Fringe Festival. For the record, here's where the tally stands: 36 Indoor Theatre Productions, 59 films, 11 professional street performance troupes, nearly 100 vendors, 8 awesome local bands, 12 body painted performers, not to mention the Velocity Motion Werks Circus, the show in a moving car, and the Laughing Arts Festival.

As Keanu Reeves would say: “Whoa.”

Mad props to everyone who has contributed to the mounting of this mammoth undertaking.

And to those who are about to partake: You're in for a treat.

So sit back, relax, and enjoy the last of the pre-Fringe newsletters. I'm going back to eating chocolate and drinking wine with Jason K. and Aviva. It IS Friday after all.

## FESTIVAL PROGRAM GUIDE

We're proud to report that our Festival Program Guide is good'n'printed. In-house self-proclaimed “Design Pimp” Jason Krell has spent the last several weeks slaving over this sleek and slender Guide to all things Fringe, and after countless hours of proofreads and editing, it was shipped to the printers late last week. Fringe HQ is now the happy home of two precariously stacked towers containing three thousand guides apiece. And that's only what we could fit in the back of Lindsey's truck!

Look for the Calgary Fringe Festival Guide in the August 3rd issue of FFWD magazine. Guides are also available at Starbucks Coffee stores throughout Calgary.

## BEVY OF BANDS

It's been a long time coming, but I'm thrilled to announce the Fringe 2K6 Music lineup. Edmonton's renowned DJ SlipDisc (AKA Penny “Music Muse” Szmata) has assembled a rocking local lineup to satiate even the most trend-savvy aural palette. The CJSW Stage is proud to present:

Friday, August 11th	8:00pm – LOVESINGER 10:00pm – LAZERSNAKE
Saturday, August 12th	8:00 – THIS IS THE GET DOWN 10:00 – THE NECKERS
Friday, August 18th	8:00 – FIELD AND STREAM 10:00 – MEATDRAW
Saturday, August 19th	8:00 – THE FROSTED TIPZ 10:00 – BEBOP CORTEZ

The CJSW Stage is located at the gazebo in Tomkins Park  
(in front of Mount Royal Village – between 8th St. and 7th St. SW).

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## 17th AVENUE BRZ

We couldn't have done this without all our amazing sponsors – but one in particular deserves singling out. Barbara Stein and the 17th Avenue BRZ was the first organization to throw a chunk of change our way and get this monster ball rolling. It's been a rocky ride to be sure, but Barb deserves a star on the BRZ Walk of Fame (note to self: start BRZ Walk of Fame) for putting up with us for the last year. Next time you find yourself with a drink in your hand, make a toast to Barb and the 17th Ave. BRZ board. Barb is currently enjoying a well-deserved vacation in...uh... actually, she won't tell us where she went. Wise decision.

## THE COWBOY CABARET!

As often happens with so many productions touring from so many different provinces – not to mention other countries – complications arise and companies can't ultimately make it to the Festival. This is the unfortunate turn of events that has befallen Tod Kimbro and Company from Orlando, Florida. No sooner had the Guide gone to print then we received the sad news from the company that they can't make it across the border this year. Everyone at Fringe HQ wishes them all the best, and we hope they can make it up for Fringe 2K7.

BUT...silver lining, etc...a local theatre company has stepped up – at the penultimate moment – to fill their slot. Local Loose Moose alumnus and actress Ella Simon will bring her rowdy, bawdy Cowboy Cabaret: Spunk'd! to the Calgary Sun CABARET stage. Cowboy Cabaret: Spunk'd! replaces all showings of Electra at the Weiner Stand. Here's the description:

A hoedown of a variety show. Featuring live music, theatre, and dance. There are variety shows, and then there's the COWBOY CABARET. A night of hayrides, hat stomps, bull semen, a chorus of cows, and maybe even a hoedown. If you missed this year's Stampede, you won't want to miss the COWBOY CABARET - all of the kitsch and none of the class.

Cowboy Cabaret: Spunk'd!  
CABARET – 1315 7th St. SW  
Sunday, August 13th – 1:00pm  
Monday, August 14th – 6:00pm  
Friday, August 18th – 7:30pm  
Saturday, August 19th – 9:30pm

Wait. Bull what...?

## TICKETS

Did I mention that TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE!!! Type your way over to [www.calgaryfringe.ca](http://www.calgaryfringe.ca) and visit our On-Line Ticket Booth.

And don't forget about the SUPERPASS – for online ticket purchases of 10 or more, the price per ticket drops to a low, low \$8.50. That's a savings of up to 30%! How much excitement can one person take? We plan to find out.

## BODY ART

Every night in Tomkins park (17th Avenue, between 8th Street and 7th Street) you can watch as our models come alive under the stars. These live art installations will feature a live DJ and performance artists in full body paint. Also, keep your eyes peeled for our Body Art Busts that will begin to be displayed around 17th Avenue. Painted by local artists and members of Art Central, these busts will be a feast for the eyes. (Feel free to stare, just this once.)

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## VOLUNTEERS

It's never too late to volunteer! (Well, August 20th would be pushing it.) Not only is this Fringe the first of its size to be held in Calgary, but will be good times with good peeps and plenty of choice perks for our volunteer force, such as:

### Free Shows!

For every four hour shift worked, volunteers receive eight "Fringe Bucks" which can be redeemed for tickets to any Indoor Theatre Production or Film Presentation playing at this year's Festival.

### Free Stuff!

We'll provide snacks and beverages, as well as loads of great swag to commemorate your time at Fringe 2K6.

### Free Entertainment!

We will be holding volunteer appreciation events throughout the Fringe. The events will include live music and will be a great opportunity to meet new people!

### Free Sun Tanning!

Of the outdoor nature, natch.

The Calgary Fringe Festival is going to be a landmark cultural event. Because it is only made possible by volunteers (like you?), we'll be doing everything we can to make you feel valued and appreciated. By volunteering, you will be making a huge contribution to the success of all of the artists involved, and the long-term success of the Fringe in Calgary.

Please contact Jen at [volunteer@calgaryfringe.ca](mailto:volunteer@calgaryfringe.ca) or fill out our on-line application form on our website: [www.calgaryfringe.ca](http://www.calgaryfringe.ca).

## VENDORS

We're still adding vendor locations to accommodate the enthusiastic response. For more information, please contact [vendor@calgaryfringe.ca](mailto:vendor@calgaryfringe.ca).

**COME OUT & play**



**August 11-20, 2006**