

FRINGE FESTIVAL

007 Calgary Fringe Festival - Call for Volunteers!

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Juliet,

It's time to get your schedules out, call your friends, and book your volunteer shifts! We're beginning to schedule for August 10-19th now- and we need your support!

In the true spirit of Fringe, the best way to find support is to pass it on. So please feel free to forward this e-mail to anyone you think might also be interested in volunteering this year.

Remember, for every shift you work, you get one "Fringe Buck," which is good for admission to any Fringe show. Please see below for specific shift information, and let me know when you get the chance which shifts you'd like to work.

Cheers,

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Book your shifts now!

CALGARY FRINGE FESTIVAL

The Calgary Fringe Festival runs this year **Friday, August 10th through Sunday, August 19th**, and we are booking right now for all shifts!

OUTDOOR COMPONENT

August 10th will be at Municipal plaza. Shifts range from ride supervision to equipment set up. Let me know what time of day you are free to help!

August 11th is in lovely Inglewood! There will be face painting, live entertainment, mini golf, inflatables, and other such fun things. Volunteer shifts are generally from 10am - 5pm. Festival munchies are provided for volunteers.

THEATRE COMPONENT

The rest of the festival will be in a handful of downtown theatre venues, and there are shifts ranging from daytime weekdays, and late-night weekends. Shifts are box office / ticket taking, and require some set up / take down.

Please send me your specific availability for the days during the festival, and any particular placement requests as soon as possible! Exact show times are posted on the website at http://calgaryfringe.ca/pages/shows_and_schedules/index

FRINGE FILM FESTIVAL

If you're interested in volunteering specifically for the film festival, below are the dates and screenings we need box office / ushering volunteers for. Let me know if you have any specific requests.

Opening Friday August 10th

SHIFT 1 - 6:00 PM TO 12:00 MIDNIGHT

7:00pm - Special Screening of the 2006 Award winning films

- Dear Sweet Emma, 3 minute Animation
- Binta Y La Gran Idea, 30 min. drama 2007 Academy Award

Nominee

- Tripping Forward, 83 minute Comedy

9:30pm - regular screening

Saturday and Sunday August 11th and 12th

SHIFT 1 - 1:00 PM TO 7:00 PM

SHIFT 2 - 6:00 PM TO 12:00 MIDNIGHT

2:00pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm - regular screenings

Monday August 13th to Friday August 17th

SHIFT 1 4:00 PM TO 12:00 MIDNIGHT

4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm - regular screenings

Saturday August 18th

SHIFT 1 11:30 AM TO 7:30 PM

12:00pm, 2:30pm, 5:00pm - regular screenings

8:00pm - Gala Film Awards Ceremony, FREE EVENT

Sunday August 19th

SHIFT 1 1:00 PM TO 7:00 PM

2:00pm, 4:30pm - Screening of 2007 Award Winning Films

FRINGE FESTIVAL CASINOS

We are still looking for volunteers for the Fringe Festival Casinos on September **12th and 13th, and October 22nd and 23rd**. We have many shifts left from countroom staff to Cashier, and it's bound to be a lot of fun. Shifts are long, but food is provided! Day-time or Late-Evening. Let me know at volunteer@calgaryfringe.ca

Want to Host an Artist?

We're looking for fairly centrally-located people that have a spare bed/fold out couch to house our out-of-town artists for a few days during the festival. If you are interested in this, please do let me know, go to http://calgaryfringe.ca/pages/get_involved/volunteers and download the .pdf, or contact Bill Torrie at b.torrie@shaw.ca for more information!

This is a great chance to meet some wonderful new people!

Opening night meet n' Greet / Volunteer Appreciation

Our volunteer warm up will be **Thursday, August 2nd** at Royal Canadian Legion # 1, Upper floor, from 7pm onward. There will be a full bar, a short orientation, and free swag for every one of you lovely people. More information on this will follow in my next e-mail to you, but do book that evening off now!

There is an *Opening Nite Meet 'n' Greet* on **Thursday, August 9**, at the upper floor Legion #1 from 7pm - midnight. It's a low-key affair for just artists and volunteers to hang out and get a chance to meet each other. Some of the artists may also jump up and do a brief skit of their shows so you can get a glimpse as to what the shows will be like.

The *Closing Night Gala* on **Sunday, August 19** will take place on the main level of the Legion #1 from 8 pm to midnite. This is our official volunteer appreciation event, with prizes and awards. It will be Rocky Horror Themed, along with a screening of the film, so bring out your high-heels and fishnets! This is only open for our volunteers, artists, and partners/sponsors.

It's important to let me know your availability and specific interest for the days during the festival, and all it's components. I will be keeping in touch with you on a consistant basis from now on. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns at volunteer@calgaryfringe.ca

You're always welcome to apply online at http://calgaryfringe.ca/pages/get_involved/volunteers , or download the .pdf and fax it in to Fringe at 236-0662.

Yes, things are getting exciting and busy at the Fringe Festival offices, and we're all looking forward to seeing your smiling faces again in August!

Remember to pass this on to anyone you think may be interested in helping out this year.

Lots of Fringe-related love,

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