

The Fringe is an explosion of live performance with 47 shows from across the globe and a focus on accessibility at the 2019 Festival



Victoria, BC – The biggest theatre event on Vancouver Island, the 33rd Victoria Fringe Festival runs August 21 - September 1, 2019. With artists chosen by lottery, 47 uncensored shows from across the globe, featuring almost every genre imaginable from puppetry to music to spoken word to walking tours, fill 7 traditional venues and 5 off-site venues for 12 days of indie theatre. Fringe-goers binge on this explosion of live performance, with tickets running \$9 or \$11 per show. The Fringe is a feast for the artistically curious, the most affordable theatre ticket in town, and a great way to experience live performance.

With 181 applications from companies from across Canada, the United States, the UK, New Zealand, Germany, and Australia, the Victoria Fringe Festival offers audiences the opportunity to see live performance from across the globe alongside brand new work from local artists and companies. The 2019 Fringe Festival features 20 Victoria-based companies. More than 70 years after the Fringe movement began in Edinburgh, the guiding principle is the same: unjuried, uncensored, untamed alternative theatre takes centre stage. The Fringe gives artists the platform to take risks, to focus on progressive art forms and the freedom to experiment while getting paid to make art, and at the same time giving audiences access to indie theatre artists from around the world. This year's festival has a focus on accessibility, offering Relaxed Performances, ASL interpretation at special events and some performances.

The Victoria Fringe Festival offers something for everyone: from the ever-popular one-day FringeKids Fest in Market Square, to the Fringe Eve Preview in Centennial Square that kicks off the festival, to Atomic Vaudeville's late night cabaret Sunday Funday, to the 47 shows that take over the city in this signature summer event. There are shows from returning Fringe Favourites, brand new work from local artists, and no doubt a few surprise hits.

Special Events + Dates

Fringe Eve Preview: This free event is a perennial favourite. Kick off the Fringe, Wednesday August 21, 3-9pm (preview from 5:30pm) - Centennial Square

FringeKids Fest: Featuring live performances, arts & crafts, this free event is perfect for ages 3+, Saturday August 24, 11am-4pm - Market Square

Sunday Funday – Atomic Vaudeville Cabaret: Sunday August 25, 10pm - Victoria Event Centre

Victoria Fringe Theatre Festival

August 21- September 1

An explosion of live performance takes over the city for 12 days of independent theatre from around the globe.

Single tickets \$9/\$11 + Discount Passes available now. You must have a Fringe Button to see a show, \$6.

Purchase online at victoriafringe.com or ticketrocket.co or in-person at Ticket Rocket, #101 – 804 Broughton Street (Mon to Fri, 10am-5pm) or at Fringe HQ, 1609 Blanshard Street (open daily noon – 7pm, August 19 – September 1)

About The Fringe

The Victoria Fringe Festival, founded in 1986 is one of the oldest Fringe Festivals in Canada and a founding member of the Canadian Association of Fringe Festivals (CAFF). The Fringe is a global phenomenon, giving independent artists the opportunity to produce their shows at festivals around the world. The Fringe returns 100% of the net ticket price back to the artists and all shows are chosen by lottery.

About Intrepid Theatre

Producers of the annual UNO Fest, Victoria Fringe Festival, and OUTstage, Intrepid Theatre has been the primary presenter of national and international alternative and interdisciplinary theatre in Victoria, BC for thirty two years, and is the city's home-base for touring and emerging contemporary theatre artists.

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