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Fundy FRINGE Festival 2019 line-up offers something for everyone



SAINT JOHN – Plans for year seven are well underway for the Fundy FRINGE Festival. The 20 act line-up is a varied collection of artists from across the country and across the globe. The Fundy FRINGE Festival will take place in several uptown venues from August 19-24. The 2019 Fundy FRINGE line-up includes:

Regional Acts:

- *Cigarettes and Cool Ranch* - a dark, comedic storytelling show about relationships, drugs, shame, sex and food. (Saint John, NB)
- *Dani's White Lie* - a simple game of foreplay spirals into an argument that not only shakes up a relationship but forces a gut-wrenching re-examination of tumultuous pasts. (Saint John, NB)
- *501* - while everyone was trying to get somewhere else, they were right where they wanted to be. In a tragically ironic twist, they were two of the only people to die. (Saint John, NB)
- *The Cycle*- a story about a marginalized teenager who doesn't escape the cycle of poverty and drug abuse that plagues his city and his family. (Saint John, NB)
- *Athena High '96* - Robin observes Tommy's estranged behaviour - his obsession with guns and talk of overturning the government... (Saint John, NB)
- *The Magic Circle of Saint John Presents: Seeing is Believing* - get ready to be amazed, amused and entertained by Saint John's best magicians! (Saint John, NB)
- *Mark Splude: GROW UP!*- jokes and stories from a short man growing up in Saint John, New Brunswick, who travels Canada for 20 years and finds himself right back where he started. (Quispamsis, NB)
- *Mashup The Musical* - a satirical/comedic mashup of popular Broadway musical trends and characters. (Rothesay, NB)
- *The Host* - a dark, nautically-themed science fiction comedy tackling Canadian problems on a galactic scale. (Fredericton, NB)

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- *HOUSE* - "My mother is possessed by the Devil. My father is the saddest man in the world. My sister is in love with the dog. The one I love does not love me... and I've got nowhere to live." (Fredericton, NB)

National Acts:

- *A Side of Rice* - a glimpse into the soul of an actor; a student; a teacher; a lover; a 67-year-old; a dad. It's a side - the several sides - of Nicholas Rice. (Toronto, ON)
- *SLANG* - /slaNG/ Noun: a type of language that consists of words and phrases typically restricted to a particular group of people. In this case... THE GAYS! (Toronto, ON)
- *Something Wrong* - Andrew has always been fascinated by the supernatural... but what if the supernatural is just as fascinated by him? (Toronto, ON)
- *I Forced A Bot To Watch A 1000 Hours Of...* - explore the world of Artificial Neural Networks and how these bots consume our media, create our media, and act more and more like us. (Nepean, ON)
- *Air-Heart* - a solo mask show about the life and times of the reincarnation of Amelia Earhart. (York, ON)
- *Lungs* - does having a child make you a good or a bad person? Does the couple make the baby or does the baby make the couple? And how many trees would you have to plant to counteract the carbon footprint of a baby? (Kinburn, ON)
- *Orpheus' Descent* - two Canadian soldiers sit in a trench dugout during the second Battle of Ypres, World War I. As they wait, an unexpected threat approaches. (Halifax, NS)

International Acts:

- *Nancy Drewinsky and the Search for the Missing Letter* - a one-woman show about McCarthyism, anti-Semitism, and how government policy has lasting effects on the people it targets. THE RED SCARE! (Brooklyn, NY)
- *Jetpack Superheroes* - your favourite 3-piece comedy band is now your favourite 2-piece comedy band (outside of Flight of the Conchords, Tenacious D, Garfunkel and Oates). (Berkley, MA)

Fundy FRINGE Festival venues include: BMO Studio Theatre, Sanctuary Theatre, Interaction Concert Hall, Saint John Arts Centre and the Mary Oland Theatre in the New Brunswick Museum.

Tickets for each performance are available at the door or through eventbrite.ca and are \$10 each. Fully transferrable festival passes are \$60 and are good for eight shows. Passes can be purchased at the BMO Studio Theatre located at 112 Princess Street or at venues in advance of the performance. Festival passes go on sale Thursday, August 1. Visit www.fundyfringefestival.com for additional information.

The Fundy Fringe Festival is part of a growing community of Fringe Festivals throughout North America, dedicated to supporting independent performers and artists and creating affordable spaces through which diverse communities can experience boundary-pushing theatre and other performances, in accordance with the four criteria set out by the Canadian Association Of Fringe Festivals (CAFF): Fringe Festivals are un-juried / Fringe Festivals are uncensored / Fringe Festivals are accessible to audiences and artists /Fringe Festivals return 100% of the ticket price to participating artists.

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