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FRINGE 2020 - The Show Must Go On!

Plans underway for an exciting line-up of live and livestream entertainment for City's eighth annual Fundy FRINGE Festival



SAINT JOHN – The Fundy FRINGE Festival team are shifting gears and getting ready for their most innovative summer festival to date. Due to COVID developments, organizers have had to think outside the box to ensure audiences can still enjoy the edgy, unexpected performance art they expect from the annual event.

The Fundy FRINGE Festival has been a central fixture in the uptown summer scene in Saint John for the last seven years. As planners prepare for the eighth year they have had to modify the typical layout of the festival and develop alternative methods for audiences to take in the events, including a blend of live and live streamed performances. *"This is an exciting and innovative year for us. We're so fortunate to have a range of incredible local talent in our lineup. They're eager to show you their physically-distanced version of their work, and reflection on the current world. Livestreaming will allow us to reach new audience members and add a new layer of accessibility to the FRINGE. We can't wait for everyone to join us!"* Sarah Rankin, Fundy FRINGE Director

Saint John's summer theatre festival will return **August 17-22, 2020** making its home base at the BMO Studio Theatre, 112 Princess Street for live performances.

Fundy FRINGE Festival adjustments include reduced venue capacity, additional spacing between patrons and thorough cleaning of the space before each performance. Audience members will be required to wear a mask until seated. In addition live stream broadcasts will be offered for select performances for those who wish to take in the festivities from the comfort of home.

Tickets will go on sale August 7 for live performances. To order please call 506-652-7582 ext. 236. Livestream performances are by donation. Visit www.fundyfringefestival.com for more 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

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theatre and other performances. The Fundy FRINGE Festival is supported by Canadian Heritage, Saint John Community Arts Board, and the Province of New Brunswick.