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It's Fringe Vibes Only this year at the Ottawa Fringe Festival from June 13-23, 2024

22 May 2024 - It's that time of year folks! Break out your bell-bottoms and get ready to boogie because the 27th Ottawa Fringe Festival is hitting the scene! From June 13th to June 23rd, Ottawa will be the ultimate destination for all things funky and fabulous as local, national, and international artists gather to showcase their groovy talents.

With a mind-blowing lineup of 50 shows and over 300 performances, this year's festival is set to be a psychedelic extravaganza. Whether you're into drama, comedy, musicals, or improv, the Ottawa Fringe has your vibe covered! This year, we're spreading the love across more venues, bringing back last year's venues: Arts Court Theatre, ODD Box, LabO, Studio 1201, and Atelier Theatre. We're also firing up the time machine and bringing back two performance spaces at La Nouvelle Scène. And guess what? Introducing a brand-new BYOV venue, the DARC Microcinema. Can you dig it?



Here's a sneak peek of the vibes this year at the Ottawa Fringe. Our Open Doors mentorship program hosts Fenton Ho's *On the Verge of Whiteness*, a thought-provoking nod to *Waiting for Godot* that delves into themes of the "Chinese Exclusion Act" (Ottawa, Ontario). A crowd favorite, *UNSUNG: The Accidental Villains of History*, by the Duck and Roll Theatre, is returning after sold out performances at last year's fringe (Toronto, Ontario). All the way from Australia, Shane Adamczak and Sam Longley take us on a wild ride in *Vehicle*, where they share chaotic tales of the troubles and triumphs of touring (Perth, Australia). Jessica Pigeau's *How to Lose Friends and Irritate People* is sure to provoke laughs as the champion of social awkwardness navigates relationships with others and her environment (Vancouver, BC). Looking for more? Be sure to check out our show listings at ottawafringe.com/shows. It's going to be outta sight!

But wait, the fun doesn't stop there! The Fringe Courtyard at Club SAW is getting a far-out makeover with our FREE programming thanks to the support of the Donner Canadian Foundation. Get ready to mingle before, between, or after shows, and groove to events happening almost every night of the festival. This year, we are honored to host a variety of events reflecting the wonderful diversity Ottawa has to offer. From *How Queer: A Night of Burlesque* a returning hit from our undercurrents festival, to our collaboration with Cranium Festival, honoring black culture and music on our stages, to *'QiGongidaa!*, a grounding clown performance from Hilary Wear as 'Gnabby Boomer,' celebrating their indigenous heritage, this

year we truly have something for everyone. So dust off your disco shoes, grab your Fringe pin, and get ready to groove to the beat of Fringe Vibes Only!

TICKETS

As always, tickets for each show are \$14 plus applicable service fees when purchased online or by card at the Box Office. Tickets and online listing information are available as of May 17th, 2024 at ottawafringe.com. 5 and 10 Show Passes are also available so there are more ways to save and catch all the shows. Passes can be purchased at the Box Office or over the phone between 12-4pm June 8th-12th. You can also buy passes at the Arts Court Box Office on any day of the festival June 13-23. Passes are not available online for purchase. More information can be found at ottawafringe.com/boxoffices

Finally, don't forget to buy your \$3 pin which is required for admission to the festival! Big Fringe Fan? Pick up one of the Legacy Pins for \$12 to get access to all future festivals!

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The Ottawa Fringe Festival's mission is to empower audiences and to encourage artists to take risks, pursue their visions, and develop their skills. The Ottawa Fringe is an **open access festival where 100% of ticket sales go to the artists**. Nobody curates the Ottawa Fringe Festival. Ottawa Fringe rents the venues and programs the festival by **lottery**. Every show is independently produced and more artists get into the program by submitting a Bring Your Own Venue show (**BYOV**). Since 1997, the Ottawa Fringe Festival has returned more than **\$2 million** to independent artists.

Producers of the **27th Ottawa Fringe Festival** (June 13-23, 2024) and the **14th undercurrents festival** (February 2024 at Arts Court). Since 2013, Ottawa Fringe has been managing the **Arts Court Theatre** plus more studio and rehearsal spaces in the historic building.

The Ottawa Fringe Festival is supported by:

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For more information and to book your tickets, groove on over to ottawafringe.com.

I hope you are having a phenomenal Friday! I am happy to announce that tickets for the 2024 Ottawa Fringe Festival are now on sale on our website. This year is going to be an action packed festival, and in case you haven't heard- it's Fringe vibes only!

Attached you will find the 2024 Ottawa Fringe Festival press release. [Click here for the media kit that has everything you need to know about Fringe 2024](#), including press releases, show briefs, and more!

Please fill in our [media accreditation form here](#) to be set up with a media pass as we would love to have you at this year's festival!

Let me know if you have any questions, and I look forward to hearing from you soon! :)