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**CHICAGO FRINGE FESTIVAL, CELEBRATES ITS SEVENTH YEAR  
AND ANNOUNCES 2016 SCHEDULE AND VENUES**  
**Over Twelve Days, 47 Companies Gather in Jefferson Park Including  
the Return of Kids Fringe and Special Events,  
August 31 – September 11, Tickets Go On Sale Monday, Aug. 1**



**CHICAGO** – The Chicago Fringe Festival is proud to announce the schedule for its seventh festival. Performances in the seventh annual Chicago Fringe Festival take place in five venues in Jefferson Park, August 31 – September 11. **Tickets go on sale Monday, Aug. 1 at 12 p.m.** Entrance to the Chicago Fringe Festival, called Chicago’s “Best Performing Arts Festival,” by the *Chicago Reader*, is a one-time button purchase of \$5, after that all individual performances are \$10. Kids Fringe is a one-time button purchase of \$5 plus each show ticket admission of \$10 for adults and children ages 12 years and younger are \$5 for each Kids Fringe performance, no button required. Passes with a discounted ticket price are available when attending multiple performances: a four-show pass is \$36, a ten-show pass is \$80 and an unlimited pass is \$175. Each venue will have a box office for day-of purchase and the box office for the entire festival is located at Fringe Central, Location TBA. Tickets may be purchased at [chicagofringe.org](http://chicagofringe.org).

The Chicago Fringe Festival 2016 returns to Jefferson Park featuring 47 groups in about 200 performances selected by lottery Saturday, Feb. 27. The shows include comedies, dramas, dance pieces, musicals, performance art and the unclassifiable. This is an uncensored, unjuried, no-holds barred performance event that returns 100% of ticket sales to the artists. In its first six years, Chicago Fringe has returned more than \$172,000 to artists. This year also marks the return of Kids Fringe with family-friendly performances dedicated to audience members 5 - 12 years old with free workshops and activities.

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The 2016 Chicago Fringe Festival includes performance groups from around Chicago, the United States and the world, including local performers, Nick DiMaso, Loft Productions, Johnny Garcia, Coffee & Whiskey Productions, Larry Todd Cousineau, Hellbent Productions and Azusa Productions. Kids Fringe artists include Shut Up, Barrel of Monkeys (also participated in the inaugural Kids Fringe 2015), Smarty Pants, FEMelanin and Karen Yatsko. Other performers hail from: California, Colorado, East Sussex, Florida, Kentucky, Ohio, New York, Tennessee and Canada. Some of the performance groups in Chicago Fringe Festival 2016 have participated in other prominent Fringe Festivals, including the Edinburgh Festival, Indy Fringe and the FringeNYC.

The main box office, information and activity center for the Chicago Fringe Festival is Fringe Central (Location: TBA). Fringe Central has a party atmosphere and houses activities throughout the Festival, including after-parties, music and more.

A Preview Party on Wednesday, Aug. 31 at the Copernicus Center offers a sneak peek of the lineup with three-minute previews by the participating artists. The party is free and open to the public.

The Congregational Church of Jefferson Park is hosting the Chicago Fringe Festival at two venues:

- Congregational Church of Jefferson Park Gymnasium, 5320 W. Giddings St and
- Congregational Church of Jefferson Park Meeting Hall, 5320 W. Giddings St.

The additional three Jefferson Park performance venues are:

- The Gift Theatre, 4802 N. Milwaukee Ave.
- Windy City Music Theatre Black Box Studio, 5340 W. Lawrence Ave. and
- Jefferson Playhouse, Home of Windy City Music Theatre, 5340 W. Lawrence Ave.

### **CHICAGO FRINGE FESTIVAL 2015 PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE**

The complete list of performances and times, company and performance descriptions and venues are available at [chicagofringe.org](http://chicagofringe.org).

#### Preview Party

Wednesday, Aug. 31 at 7 p.m.

Copernicus Center, 5216 W. Lawrence Ave.

FREE

In addition to refreshments, the Chicago Fringe Festival kicks off this year's Festival with a Preview Party. Performers in the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Fringe Festival each have three minutes to preview their show to the audience.

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7<sup>th</sup> Annual Chicago Fringe Festival

August 31 – September 11

Five venues in Jefferson Park

Performance schedule and locations are announced August 1 at [ChicagoFringe.org](http://ChicagoFringe.org). Performers are currently listed on the site and include 47 acts from around Chicago and the globe.

Kids Fringe

September 3 – 11

Participants: Barrel of Monkeys, Cafe Antarisa, FEMelanin, Shut Up Productions and Smarty Pants

Jefferson Playhouse, 4766 N Milwaukee Ave.

Kids (5 – 12 years old) \$5, Adults \$10 with 2016 Fringe Festival button

The Chicago Fringe Festival Kids Fringe is for audience members 5 – 12 years old. It features five shows along with free crafts, workshops and more!

**ABOUT CHICAGO FRINGE FESTIVAL**

The Chicago Fringe Festival, now in its seventh year, annually presents performances over the course of two weeks. The Chicago Fringe Festival is a member of the Fringe Festival movement and is one of many festivals held throughout the world. Chicago Fringe produces an annual performing arts festival devoted to celebrating an inclusive community of adventurous artists, volunteers and patrons.

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