

CHICAGO fringe festival

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THE CHICAGO FRINGE FESTIVAL PRESENTS A PUBLIC TALKBACK, GEARS UP FOR THE 2ND ANNUAL FRINGE BINGE and ANNOUNCES NEW “FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE” SLOTS FOR THE 2011 CHICAGO FRINGE FESTIVAL

CHICAGO – The 2010 Chicago Fringe Festival (CFF) was a remarkable success, showcasing 45 unique performing groups performing a total of 198 shows over the five days of the festival (September 1-5) in the Pilsen neighborhood. All box office sales—100%—were returned directly to artists.

Over \$28,000 in Artist Payouts

Over 4,000 Seats Filled

Over 2,500 Unique Patrons

CFF is proceeding as planned into its second year, which will be in September 1-11 of 2011, expanding to two weekends from one. Part of the festival's vision is to highlight neighborhoods not commonly represented in the Chicago performing arts world. In order to properly celebrate Pilsen, CFF plans to spend more time there. More seasons in Pilsen will enable CFF greater opportunities to strengthen current and build new relationships within the neighborhood, while curating new opportunities to connect Pilsen artists and businesses to patrons.

PUBLIC TALK BACK:

In closing CFF 2010, the organizers are holding a public talk back.

The Chicago Fringe Public Talkback details are below:

Monday, November 15, 6 PM - 7:30 PM

FREE Admission (Delicious Food and Drink available for purchase)

Simone's Bar: 960 W 18th, Chicago, IL 60608

Thoughts or comments about Fringe 2010 can also be submitted using the anonymous feedback tool Talkbackr: <http://talkbackr.com/usq7h>

FRINGE BINGE

Fringe Binge is Back! CFF is thrilled to announce our return to the Viaduct this Fall for our annual indoor carnival. Expect games, prizes, music and live performances from Chicago Fringe 2010 artists —it's always a laid-back, fun time!

Hosted by the Crash Pad puppets (<http://www.youtube.com/user/CrashPad3D>), Fringe Binge will feature numerous creative game booths operated by local performance companies and artists.

The season of street festivals may be over, but the summer time lovin' is still in full swing for the Chicago Fringe's FRINGE BINGE! Sponsored by Old Style Beer. Drinks available at the full Viaduct bar.

Only \$10 for all the fun, including free game play!

Tickets available at the door, or online:

<https://www.ovationtix.com/trs/pe/8525115>

or

www.chicagofringe.org

Sunday, November 21st

7:30-10pm

The Viaduct Theatre

3111 North Western Avenue

Chicago, IL 60618

17+

CFF 2011 ANNOUNCES FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE PERFORMANCE SLOTS

Applications for artists to perform in CFF 2011 will be published on the web November 15, 2010 and go live for submission on December 1, 2010.

New this year - Limited First Come, First Serve Entry! The Chicago Fringe Festival has traditionally selected participants by lottery. CFF will continue its dedication to the lottery process, but will offer 25% of its slots on a first come, first serve basis for the 2011 festival.

Applicants seeking to enter under First Come, First Serve must be prepared to submit their participation fee in full (\$400 for 5 performances, and \$250 for 3 performances).