



CHICAGO FRINGE FESTIVAL

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CHICAGO FRINGE FESTIVAL AND HUMANTHREAD TO COMMEMORATE 9/11 Special events are scheduled throughout the Fringe Festival, September 1-11

This year, the Chicago Fringe Festival will conclude on the 10th anniversary of the September 11th attacks. To mark this occasion, the Festival will partner with HumanThread to present *9/11 Primer: The Epoch of the Peacemakers*.

Each year, the Chicago Fringe Festival brings together 50 performance groups that have little in common except the stages they share during the Festival, where they dramatize an amazing range of human experiences.

The Festival wants to promote this spirit of diversity and inclusiveness in a special way on September 11th. To do so, it will join with the Council on American-Islamic Relations-Chicago and the American Friends Service Committee to present a special event created and organized by HumanThread, a Pilsen-based nonprofit dedicated to promoting peace and inspiring actions that build a just society.

9/11 Primer will memorialize 9/11 and reaffirm the role of artists as peacemakers. It will be held at Meridian Stage, 1932 S. Halsted, between 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., on September 11. Admission is free.

The program will include:

- Addresses by representatives of CAIR-Chicago, AFSC and Interfaith Youth Core
- Presentation of *One Common Thread Project for Peace*, an artwork composed of threads sent to the event organizers by individuals dedicated to the cause of peace.
- Live performances, including music and spoken word, by Jungle of Cities, Gyasi Ayo Kress, One Earth and other powerful artists
- Exhibition of Fiber Artists for Hope's quilts, *Reflections on September 11th, a Decade Later*

Fringe and HumanThread invite contributions to the Common Thread project. Anyone can participate by cutting a 12-inch strip of ribbon or fabric, writing a message of hope on it, and sending it to the HumanThread Center by September 5:

645 W. 18th Street
Chicago, IL 60616

The official event image (attached) is “9/11: A Primer” (quilt art) by Susan Shie.

For more information, see the event’s Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=236570183030316>

OTHER FRINGE SPECIAL EVENTS

Festival Opening Ceremony

September 1, 6:00 p.m., at Fringe Central, 2003 S. Halsted

A fun kickoff event at FRINGE CENTRAL, the Festival’s multipurpose headquarters for all things fringey! Throughout the Festival, it will be the perfect place to meet an artist, learn what performances can’t be missed, reserve tickets, challenge a fellow patron to a game of Wii bowling, or just soak in the vibe of Fringe. DeColores will serve up authentic Mexican delights from a special menu and beer and wine will be flowing. Staff and volunteers will always be on hand during the Festival’s operating hours. Festival organizers say, “Come in and say hi—we don’t bite. Unless that’s your thing.”

VIP Party

September 3, 7:00 p.m.

Visit chicagofringe.org/donate for info on how to score an invite to this exclusive event.

Theater Thursday

September 8, 6:15 p.m., at Fringe Central, 2003 S. Halsted

Show, food and drink for special price of \$25. Tickets available through chicagofringe.org.

This League of Chicago Theatres’ Theater Thursday event will feature a special unplugged performance of Rebecca Kling’s one-woman multimedia Fringe show, *No Gender Left Behind*.

Chicago Arts District’s 2nd Friday Artwalk

September 9, 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., throughout Pilsen

Free and open to the public

Art galleries throughout Pilsen will open their doors for exhibition.

Weekend Networking Coffees

September 3-5 & 10-11, 1 p.m., at Fringe Central, 2003 S. Halsted

Visit Fringe Central on Saturday, Sunday and Labor Day mornings for a relaxed coffee/networking event for artists, fans and everyone in between.

Nightly After Parties

Visit Fringe Central to find out where the crowd is headed after 11 p.m.!

Three Women Driven Insane

September 1-4 & 8-11, 11:30 p.m. (10 p.m. on 9/11), at Dream Theatre, 556 W. 18th Street

\$10 admission, \$8 student rush starting at 11:15 p.m.

A special performance after-hours presented by Dream Theatre at the Chicago Fringe Festival.

Three Women Driven Insane by Jeremy Menekseoglu is a one-act play depicting eight women pushed beyond the edge of reason. Replete with homicidal roommates, one-armed lesbians, and Satanic babies,

Three Women Driven Insane is a hilarious exploration of the most dire extremes of feminine friendship and love.

Closing Party

September 11, 9:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at Fringe Central, 2003 S. Halsted

A bittersweet event full of pageantry and beer.

PLEASE NOTE: A REVISED FRINGE SCHEDULE IS ATTACHED TO THIS RELEASE.

More information available at chicagofringe.org.

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