



CHICAGO fringe festival

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CHICAGO FRINGE FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES 2012 SCHEDULE, VENUES AND SPECIAL EVENTS Festival Offers Nine Days of Performances in Pilsen, August 30 – September 9



CHICAGO – The Chicago Fringe Festival is proud to announce its line up for the 2012 Festival. Performances in the third annual Chicago Fringe Festival take place in a variety of venues in Pilsen, August 30 – September 9. Tickets are on sale now. Entrance to the Festival is a one-time button purchase of \$5, after that all individual performances are \$10. Passes with a discounted ticket price are available when attending multiple performances: five-show pass is \$45, ten-show pass is \$80 and an unlimited pass is \$175. Each venue will have a box office for day-of purchase and the Festival box office is located at 600 W. Cermak. Tickets may be purchased at chicagofringe.org or by calling 866.441.9962.

“The 2012 Chicago Fringe Festival is a rare opportunity to see an incomparable mix of performances at very affordable prices,” says Executive Director Vinnie Lacey. “From traditional theatre to solo shows to dance to performances that do not fit into any category, Fringe 2012 offers something for everyone.”

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The Chicago Fringe Festival features 24 acts from the Chicagoland area, 22 from the United States as well as The Interpreters from South Korea and Le Petite Famille from France and Canada. By the time the Festival is over, September 9, there will have been more than 200 performances by about 180 performers.

This year's Festival also includes several performers from previous years; Kate Healy in *Lie Light, Time Out Chicago* declared her performance in 2011 as the "break out act of the Festival" and two performers who have been seen in every festival since the Fringe began three years ago; Rebecca Kling in *Storms Under Her Skin* and The League of Miscreants in *The Roast of Cinderella*.

Some of the performance groups in Chicago Fringe Festival 2012 have participated in other prominent Fringe Festivals, including Indy Fringe and the New York Fringe Festival.

CHICAGO FRINGE FESTIVAL 2012 SPECIAL EVENTS

- **Opening Reception**

**Thursday, Aug. 30 at 6 p.m. at 600 W. Cermak
(free)**

Join the Fringe staff and performers for an opening reception at Fringe Central at 600 W. Cermak with appetizers and drinks and then head out to see a show!

- **VIP Party**

**Saturday, Sept. 1 at 7 p.m. at 600 W. Cermak
(free to donors,
\$50 for non-donors, available at the door, Saturday, Sept. 1)**

Donors to the 2012 Chicago Fringe Festival's Kickstarter campaign are invited to a special VIP Party at Fringe Central. Local flavors of Pilsen will be on hand to eat, as well as music and drink, plus the ceremonial signing of the bench!

- **Brunch with Fringe Artists**

**Saturday, Sept. 8 at 11:30 a.m. at 600 W. Cermak*
(\$25 – tickets available at the door, Saturday, Sept. 8)**

Come meet and hang with the 2012 Fringe Artists. Patrons will be able to mix and mingle with the performing artists from the 2012 Fringe Festival over a special brunch.

*Venue subject to change.

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CHICAGO FRINGE FESTIVAL 2012 PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

The complete list of day to day performances and times, company and performance descriptions and venues are available at chicagofringe.org.

Performances by Show Name -

http://chicagofringe.org/pilsen2012_shows_by_name.php#

Performances by Date –

http://chicagofringe.org/pilsen2012_shows_by_schedule.php

Events –

http://chicagofringe.org/pilsen2012_venues_fringecentral.php

Venues –

http://chicagofringe.org/pilsen2012_venues.php

Please note performances, times and venues may change or be canceled without previous notice.

ABOUT CHICAGO FRINGE FESTIVAL

The Chicago Fringe Festival, now in its third year, presents performances over the course of 11 days annually the first week of September. The Chicago Fringe Festival is a member of the Fringe Festival movement and is one of many festivals held throughout the world. The Chicago Fringe Festival unites daring theatergoers with emerging and boundary-pushing local, national and international performing artists while seeking to engage nontraditional audiences through a commitment to low ticket prices and outreach into artistically underserved communities.

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