

MEDIA RELEASE

Prague Fringe returns for the 17th time with a bigger programme than ever before

Taking place from 25th May - 2nd June 2018, the Prague Fringe Festival offers over 240 performances in 9 venues in the beautiful Malá Strana district of the city. Audiences can expect an exciting programme full of theatre, comedy, cabaret and much more.

The festival is proud to present many award-winning shows and world-renowned writers from across the globe with productions from some of the world's top theatre makers and performers. Fringe has spent 17 years building up its reputation as a world-class event and this is reflected in the standard of the programme this year.

Audiences can expect, for the third year in a row and by popular demand, British comedy writer **Henry Naylor**, this time with his brand-new show **Games**, premiering here at the Prague Fringe Festival. This show tells a true story about a young Jewish champion fencer who, after her failure, is determined to win an Olympic gold in Berlin. They can also look forward to **Trygve Wakenshaw: Clown Work In Progress**. Trygve, the crème de la crème of clowning and comedy, won awards at Fringe Festivals in Perth, Adelaide, and Edinburgh for his previous shows and now brings an exclusive new concept to Prague.

"As well as Henry Naylor's **Games** and Trygve Wakenshaw, you can also catch a circus-style physical comedy called **Chores**, all the way from Australia and about two brothers. **There's also** the award-winning **Rendered Retina** and their Prague debut with the show **Form**, and the musical sensation **Songs of Gays** performed by the **London Gay Men's Chorus Ensemble** whose last performance at Prague Fringe was completely sold out. We will also host a new show **Hamlet (An Experience)** created and performed by three-times Prague Fringe award-winning **Emily Carding**.

"We have a colourful palette of shows for all types of people - comedy lovers, families and there are also many 'Easy English' productions for visitors whose English is not perfect. All of these will be held in our unique venues in Malá Strana which we can't wait to occupy with world-renowned productions for nine whole days," says the festival Co-Founder and Director Steve Gove.

Free Preview

Visitors have the opportunity to see a snippet of many of the shows during **Fringe Sunday**. At this free entry market-place, there will be one-minute preview of many of the shows in the programme. This year Fringe Sunday will be held on Sunday 27th May from 2.30pm at La Loca Music Bar & Lounge, Mosaic House.

Families will also have plenty of options, with many high-quality projects suitable for children. After last year's successful pilot, the Fringe presents the **Family Fringe** showcase event. This one hour event is free of charge and will be held on Saturday 26th May from 2.30pm also at La Loca Music Bar & Lounge, Mosaic House.

This year organisers wanted to make audience visits easier and more pleasurable. That is why they created The **Fringe Wonder Pass** - a festival pass for 6 performances at the cheapest price,

with the possibility to book tickets in advance (limited availability until the end of April). A new level of membership has also been created in the successful **Friends of the Fringe** scheme. The new annual membership costs only 1 000 CZK and offers 5 free 'Take a Chance' tickets, discounts on fringe merchandise, an invitation to opening gala event and great discounts with the festival's partners.

Ends.

NOTES TO EDITORS

The Prague Fringe Festival is now in its 17th year and is based on the format of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe which was started 61 years ago as an alternative to the programme of the main Festival event. Each year over 250 Fringe Festivals across the globe showcase hundreds of thousands of artists and

PRAGUE FRINGE

performers. 19 million people see approximately 170 thousand performers in 60,000 free and ticketed events. Productions tend to be short (often around an hour) and held in alternative, often smaller and more intimate venues rather than traditional theatre spaces.

17th Prague Fringe festival
25th May - 2nd June
9 days, 55 productions, 244 performances

<http://www.praguefringe.com/>
Book your tickets here: www.GoOut.net

Contact for media: Karolína Soukupová press@fringe.cz