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FUNDY FRINGE FESTIVAL Has Their Acts Together!

Performing Acts Announced for Saint John's First FRINGE

SAINT JOHN – **Fundy FRINGE Festival** is pleased to announce this year's official line-up of performing acts. Festival Director Shane Magee says *"We're excited about the geographic diversity represented by the applications we received, especially since this is our first FRINGE. We received submissions from five provinces: Alberta, Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. Approximately half of the theatre companies performing will come from Southern New Brunswick including Saint John, Fredericton, Moncton, Sussex and Rothesay."*

Pauline Cronin, Festival co-chair, adds *"We have something for everyone. Dramatic plays, stand-up comedy, sketch comedy, improv - many with adult themes - as well as interactive family-friendly shows that include puppets and acrobatics."* A complete list of the official line-up can be found at www.fundyfringefestival.com.



The **FRINGE** festival brand is recognized worldwide. Saint John's inaugural festival is open to local, provincial and national performing arts companies and will take place August 21-25, 2013. Festival co-chair Sandra Bell notes *"Fringe theatre is the most democratic and accessible theatre in the world. Each festival follows a series of basic guidelines which can include low admission prices, selection of participants by lottery, no censorship, shorter performances, and 100% of the ticket revenue going to the performing companies."*

There is significant reliance on festival volunteers and it is common for host cities to arrange billeting for the performing artists. Volunteer Director Sarah Tippet will begin the Festival's volunteer recruitment in June 2013. Prospective volunteers and billeting hosts can show interest now by writing to info@fundyfringefestival.com.

FRINGE support has been provided by several key sponsors including: Building Communities through Arts & Heritage (Canadian Heritage), City of Saint John, TELUS, UNBSJ, and the Saint John Community Arts Funding (Saint John Community Arts Board).

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