

Prague Fringe Festival Grows Up: The Biggest English Theatre Festival in the Czech Republic Returns for the 16th Time

Prague, 27th April – Taking place from 26th May – 3rd June 2017, the Prague Fringe offers over 230 performances across 7 venues in Malá Strana in the very heart of the city, nestled between the landmarks of the Prague Castle and Charles Bridge. Now 16 years old, the Prague Fringe is stepping into its adult life in style. With a dramatic design overhaul, a new website, and a new user-friendly ticketing system, 2017 really is the year of change for the nine-day English-language festival.

“Some of the world’s top theatre makers will appear in Malá Strana for these 9 days only. Renowned British comedy writer and director Henry Naylor with his multi-award-winning show *Angel*, a one-off reading from Fringe guru Jim Haynes' new book, and fresh out of drama school the exceptional Tooth+Nail with their new show *Hummingbird* which took Edinburgh and Australia by storm. I recommend you snuggle up in one of the (often literally) underground venues and dive into the many worlds that these performances take you to,” says the festival founder and director Steve Gove.

This year, the Fringe is tackling some thought-provoking adult issues with many shows in the hand-selected programme focussing on the turbulent political landscape of recent years. *Protest, Hess, Domestic, Age of Consequence, Angel, Bang, No More Miss America* and two shows by British comedian *Sajeela Kersh: Immigrant Diaries and Paradise Beneath Her Feet*, all exploring different political aspects of contemporary society.

There’s also a burgeoning Nordic season supported by the Swedish and Norwegian Embassies. The innovative and beautiful **Teater Slava** are returning to Prague for the third time with two productions: **Kontra Alt** and **What If...** (a children's show in a purpose-built dome). Norwegian **Viggo Venn** (one half of comedy duo **Zach & Viggo**) is also back after successful sell-out tour of the Australian festival circuit.

As with every year, the organisers are focusing strongly on high quality productions for children and this year sees the introduction of a newly-launched **Family Fringe** showcase event. This is a free, hour-long preview of the various kids shows on offer, held at Fringe venue: La Loca Bar & Lounge (at Mosaic House) on Saturday 27th May from 3pm, as well as the annual **Fringe Sunday** marketplace on Sunday 28th May from 2.30pm, also free entry.

The new visual identity of the festival was created by local designer and artist Alina Shupikova who took on the task of re-inventing the festival’s image. She created the mosaic concept inspired by Prague’s cobbled pavements to represent the collaborative and cohesive nature of Fringe and created the new Fringe mascot - Fringeon.

16th Prague Fringe festival
Friday 26th May – Saturday 3rd June
9 days, 50 productions, 236 performances

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