2024 FRINGE VENUES

Benson Theatre 6054 Maple Street

BlackstoneTheatre 3624 Farnam Street

University of Nebraska at Omaha
Weber Fine Arts Building, 6001 Dodge Street
Mainstage & Studio 006

OmahaFringe.org

for full Omaha Fringe Info

HOW DOES THE FRINGE WORK?

ONE COMMUNITY 4 DAYS 3 LOCATIONS 4 VENUES 17 PRODUCTIONS 53 PERFORMANCES*

*ALL performances at the 2024 Fringe will be ASL interpreted

You will need a
Fringe Button & a Single Ticket
OR a
Fringe Button & Full Festival Pass
to attend performances.

The BUTTON - \$5

This is a one-time purchase. You must have a button to gain entry to each show at the festival.

Proceeds from button sales support operating costs for the festival.

SINGLE TICKETS - \$10

This is a good option if you only want to see a few select shows.

All shows will have at least three performances throughout the festival. We recommend purchasing tickets online in advance as sell-outs are possible.

Proceeds from ticket sales go directly back to the artist whose show you're seeing!

ALL FRINGE PASS - \$75

For entry to **ALL** of the shows for the entire festival... You can see all 17 shows as many times as you want!

Proceeds from the All-Fringe-Pass sales go directly back to all of our artists.

Fringe Buttons, Tickets, and Passes may be purchased online or at the door of EACH venue!



Dear Fringe Patrons,

August has once again arrived in Omaha bringing hotter temperatures, the start of school, and my personal favorite end to summer, the annual Omaha Fringe Festival. This year we officially celebrate five years of fringe in Omaha. I am so proud of the artists, producers, board members, and volunteers who have poured their blood, sweat, and tears into this organization over the past five years to make it a staple of the Omaha theatre community. As always the Fringe brings an eclectic crop of offerings this year including our first drag show. We are so excited to welcome drag to the Fringe and hope it continues to be featured in festivals to come. In addition, we're excited to

welcome Shelterbelt Theatre back to Omaha and have them partner with us to produce one of the shows at the Fringe this year. It's going to be a great five year anniversary.

This year also brings about organizational changes within the Fringe. After working to make Omaha Fringe a success for the past six years, I have decided that it's time for someone else to take over the role of Executive Director and grow the Fringe into something even better. While it makes me sad to leave, I can't think of a better team to lead this festival to greater heights. I know this is the right decision for the festival, for me, and for my family.

As I reflect back on the first Fringe in 2019, I am amazed at what has come of my small dream to bring a fringe festival to Omaha. Since then we have produced over 50 unique artists' shows, supported zoom productions during the pandemic, partnered with major theatres in Omaha, and created a space where anyone can produce a show and all feel welcome. We have included dance, comedy, magic, improv, theatre, and drag. If you can dream it, you can produce it at the Omaha Fringe. We have built a community around this festival with staunch supporters and I look forward to returning every year and seeing my "Fringe Friends."

While there is amazing theatre in Omaha with opportunities for new works to be produced, the Fringe offers something special. It's an incubator and a place where artists can try new things. For audiences it's a space where they can see themselves reflected in the shows being produced. Over the years many now popular plays got their start at a fringe (Six, Urinetown, just to name two) and I hope to someday see a show that started at the Omaha Fringe premiering on Broadway.

As a Fringe artist, a Fringe volunteer, a Fringe Patron, and someone who was crazy enough to start their own Fringe, I truly believe in the power of art. I know the Omaha Fringe will continue to provide a much needed space for Omaha artists as it continues to grow. As always, I hope you will see as many shows as possible and that one or all of those shows will connect with you in unexpected ways. Happy Fringing everyone!

Best, Tamar Neumann Executive Director



SCHEDULE

THURSDAY 8 T H

7:00pm Duck Duck Goos
8:30pm Shedding Skin

UNO Mainstage

UNO Studio 006 7:00pm

The Hero's Journey

The Red Diaries -

One Woman's Journey from

Puberty to Menopause -and Beyond...

8:30pm

7:00pm Indian classical Dance

Benson Theatre

8:30pm

Belly Dance Nights

7:00pm Brooke Makes Fun Comedy

Blackstone Theatre

8:30pm Brooke Makes Fun Comedy





UNO Mainstage

VOTE for the Best of Fest 2024!

TICKETING

All Access Festival pass: \$75 Show Tickets: \$10/per show Festival Button (required): \$5

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AUG IDAY

6:30pm Of Darkness and Dreams
8:00pm Voices From the Closet
9:30pm What's the rush?

6:30pm Sweater Vest City

UNO Studio 006

8:00pm The Red Diaries -

One Woman's Journey from

Puberty to Menopause -and Beyond...

Creatively

9:30pm Paul Pape is Failing 6:30pm The Cleanup Lady Makes It All Better

Benson Theatre

8:00pm Indian classical Dance

9:30pm

The Cleanup Lady Makes It All Better

Blackstone Theatre

6:30pm The Strangers presents: Unfinished Business mq00:8 The Fun Grip

9:30pm All by yourself. Not Alone

Inventium



SCHEDULE

fringe SATURDAY - AUG 10TH **UNO** Mainstage UNO Studio 006 Benson Theatre Blackstone Theatre 3:30pm 3:30pm 3:30pm 3:30pm Paul Pape is Failing Shedding Skin Belly Dance Nights The Strangers presents: Creatively Unfinished Business 5:00pm 5:00pm 5:00pm 5:00pm Of Darkness and Indian classical Dance Brooke Makes Fun Comedy Sweater Vest City Dreams 6:30pm 6:30pm 6:30pm 6:30pm Drag on the Fringe: The Fun Grip Inventium Paul Pape is Failing Voices From The A Drag Roulette Show Creatively 8:00pm Closet All by yourself. 8:00pm 8:00pm Not Alone 8:00pm The Cleanup Lady The Hero's Journey What's the rush? Makes It All Better 9:30pm 9:30pm All by yourself, 9:30pm 9:30pm The Red Diaries -Not Alone Duck Duck Goose Drag on the Fringe: One Woman's Journey from Puberty to Menopause --A Drag Roulette Show and Beyond...



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SUNDAY- AUG Benson Theatre **UNO** Mainstage Blackstone Theatre UNO Studio 006 2:00pm 2:00pm 2:00pm 2:00pm Voices From the The Cleanup Lady The Fun Grip Inventium Sweater Vest City Closet Makes It All Better 3:30pm 3:30pm The Fun Grip Inventium Sweater Vest City 3:30pm 3:30pm Duck Duck Goose Drag on the Fringe: A 5:00pm 5:00pm Drag Roulette Show The Strangers presents: The Hero's Journey 5:00pm Unfinished Business What's the rush? 5:00pm 6:30pm 6:30pm Belly Dance Nights The Red Diaries -All by yourself, Not Alone 6:30pm One Woman's Journey from Shedding Skin 6:30pm Puberty to Menopause --8:00pm Indian classical Dance and Beyond... Brooke Makes Fun Comedy 8:00pm Of Darkness and 8:00pm Dreams Paul Pape is Failing Creatively

BENSON THEATRE



Belly Dance Nights

THU 8/8 8:30pm SAT 8/10 3:30pm SUN 8/11 5:00pm



PRODUCER: Chrysalis Studio of Bellydance PERFORMERS: Azele, Chrysalis Ensemble, Della, Devorah, Kismet Dance Company, Lotus Dancers, Magdalena Christina, Oasis Dancers, and Sapphire

DIRECTOR: Della Bynum

SYNOPSIS: Belly Dance soloist and troupes of the Omaha area will perform their choreographies to the enchanting sounds of Near Eastern Music. Dancers with flowing veils, vibrating energy, drums, chattering fingers cymbals and tambourines will present their interpretation one of the world oldest dance forms – Belly Dance.



Indian Classical Dance

THU 8/8 7:00pm

FRI 8/9 8:00pm SAT 8/10 5:00pm SUN 8/11 6:30pm



PRODUCER:

Gurukulam Center for Indian Arts

DIRECTOR: Mallika Madduri

PERFORMERS:

8/8 Gauri Nair

8/9 Ashleigh George

8/10 Ananya Bindu Mirle & Prisha Sabherwal

8/11 Keerthna Nair

SYNOPSIS: A mesmerizing Bharatanatyam performance, showcasing the grace and precision of this classical Indian dance. It features intricate footwork, expressive gestures, and powerful storytelling, all rooted in ancient traditions. The performance explores timeless themes of mythology, spirituality, and human emotions, brought to life through the art form's captivating movements and rhythms.

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Drag on the Fringe: A Drag Roulette Show SAT 8/10 6:30pm SAT 8/10 9:30pm SUN 8/11 3:30pm



PRODUCERS: Queer Agenda Producations DIRECTORS: Abz Cameron, Mliss Patzner YOUR HOSTS: Donna Resuscitate.

Venus Thightrapp

PERFORMERS: Alana Viviana, Babygírl T Uchawi,

Damn Van Drogyni, Xandra Maddox Roxia,

Juanna V Mii, Pat Riarchy

CHOREOGRAPHER: Mliss Patzner

SOUND DESIGN: Mliss Patzner, Xandra Maddox

Roxia

STAGE MANAGER: Sally Gosenbach

CREW: Zachary Petry

SYNOPSIS: Watch as local drag artists battle it out in a thrilling lipsync smackdown, and you, the audience, get to decide the winner. Each

performance promises to be unique and electrifying.

Special Thanks to BLUEBARN Theatre, SNAP! Productions Omaha, Al Marcault, Madelyn Hubbard, Lindsay Pape Ivan Rasmussen, Omaha Mining Company & Katie Cameron.

CLICK HERE for our performers' virtual tipping handles!



The Cleanup Lady Makes it All Better

FRI 8/9 6:30pm 9:30pm SAT 8/10 8:00pm SUN 8/11 2:00pm



PRODUCER: Rockem Mockem Productions

DIRECTOR: Jeanne Saadi **WRITER:** Clay Farris Naff

SYNOPSIS: The Cleanup Lady is a satirical one-act stageplay. In this Cinderella story for the AI age, startup firm ColossalDX soars until its AI investment oracle bets millions in teacher retirement funds on an insane product reboot. Can refugee Sophy, a humble cleaner at the firm, set things right, or will Big Tech prevail again?

PERFORMERS: Katie Boston.....Glenda

Shamar Edwards....Grifton Prince
Tasha Helms....Maddie Ahearn

Rebecca Krause.....Sophy Timothy Mantil....Wade Wilson Don Vinkenberg....Chip Tertzel

BLACKSTONE THEATRE



The Fun Grip Inventium

FRI 8/9 8:00pm SAT 8/10 6:30pm SUN 8/11 2:00pm 3:30pm



PRESENTED BY: Fun Grip Improv & Audacity Theatre Lab

PERFORMERS: Jeff Swearingen, Brad

McEntire

SYNOPSIS: Started in early 2006, FUN GRIP is a comedy duo consisting of Jeff Swearingen and Brad McEntire. This Texas-based long-form improv partnership presents The Inventium, a single set where Brad and Jeff create a one-time only full-length improvised play, created fresh and new upon each showing.



The Strangers Presents: Unfinished Business

FRI 8/9 6:30pm SAT 8/10 3:30pm SUN 8/11 5:00pm



PRODUCERS:

Will Meinen & Timmy Tamisiea **PERFORMERS:**

Will Meinen, Timmy Tamisiea, Sean Tamisiea, Jack Tamisiea SYNOPSIS: A comedic sketch show about two people in the middle of their lives who have unfinished business to attend to and can't think of a better place to do that than a stage.

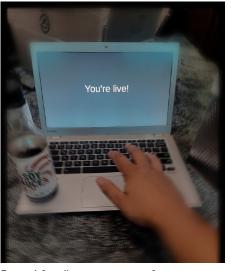
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All by yourself, Not Alone

FRI 8/9 9:30pm SAT 8/10 8:00pm 9:30pm

SUN 8/11 6:30pm



WRITTER & PERFORMER:

Ricardo Orta

SOUND OPERATOR: Chase Jenkins LIGHTING DESIGNER/PROJECTOR

OPERATOR: Trevor Clark

SYNOPSIS: A one man, one act play about a man by the name of David Martinez, who is in a tv show where he is voluntarily spending two years alone with no other human contact, surviving off of contest winnings and a bowl of rice a day; In front of a camera, answering live questions and being subjected to all kinds of torture from the producers and the viewers just for the chance of fame and two million dollars.

Special thanks to the folx at the Omaha Fringe

Festival for allowing me to perform my piece, and to Jerry Dougherty of CWU for helping getting this off it's feet during it's first run at Hebler hall.

SAVETHE DATES... OMAHA FRINGE 2025

FESTIVAL AUG 7-10

JAN 2025

Application Entry Process for Artists

FEB/MAR 2025

Lottery Drawing for 2025 Festival

APR/MAY 2025

Artist Button Design Contest

More activites will be added througthout the year.

Check out our website.

OmahaFringe.org

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Brooke Makes Fun Comedy

THU 8/8 7:00pm 8:30pm

SAT 8/10 5:00pm SUN 8/11 8:00pm



PRODUCER: Brook Makes Fun Comedy SYNOPSIS: Brooke Barsell will be hosting each night with a new set of performers each night! 8/8: Fierce Femme is a comedy showcase with Sophie Knauss, Virginia Diaz Harper, Angi Sada, Gabby Dammkoehler, and Cole Sichta 8/10: Clean Comedy is a clean, safe-forthe-whole-family, comedy show featuring Liam Chlemborad, Cole Sichta, and Jeremy Plumb 8/11: Of the Queer Variety is a variety show where Whitney Hansen will be reading poetry, Bekah Lemonds will be performing music and comedy, Kya Vasha will present comedy, and Matt Miller will perform drag.





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Duck Duck Goose

THU 8/8 SAT 8/10 7:00pm 9:30pm

SUN 8/11 3:30pm



PRODUCER: grab the ghosts SYNOPSIS: Duck Duck Goose is a live sketch comedy performance presented by grab the ghosts. We specialize in creating and performing original sketches that cover a wide range of topics, blending sharp wit, clever humor, and engaging storytelling. Our show features a series of short, comedic scenes that explore everything from everyday situations to absurd and imaginative scenarios, ensuring there's something for everyone



Shedding Skin

THU 8/8 8:30pm SAT 8/10 SU 3:30pm 6:3

SUN 8/11 6:30pm



PRODUCER: Creative Moves

DIRECTOR: Julie Leir

MUSIC: Zane VanSickle (Rumsomnia),

Julie Leir

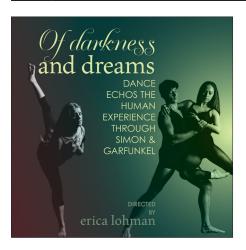
SYNOPSIS: Shedding Skin explores growth, transformation, and change. It is a meditative dance and physical theatre piece that also explores the process of becoming fully ourselves.

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Of Darkness and Dreams

FRI 8/9 6:30pm SAT 8/10 5:00pm SUN 8/11 8:00pm



PRODUCER: Erica Lohman DANCERS*: Ryan Christopher,

Kelsey Corder, Eliza Harden, Casey Kelley, Leah Kressin, Wyatt Weeces

* Performing courtesy of American Midwest Ballet

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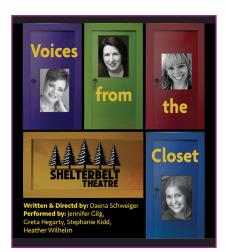
SYNOPSIS: A dance-centered performance showcasing professionals currently based in Omaha. Audiences will be taken on a journey that begins in darkness and gradually transcends into light, exploring themes like loss, stagnation, hope, perseverance, and more along the way.



Voices from the Closet

FRI 8/9 8:00pm SAT 8/10 6:30pm

SUN 8/11 2:00pm



PRODUCER: Shelterbelt Theatre & Dan Wach WRITER & DIRECTOR:

Daena Schweiger

PERFORMERS: Jennifer Gilg, Greta Hegarty, Stephanie Kidd, Heather Wilhelm

SYNOPSIS:A compelling monologue show that traverses decades, delving into the intimate struggles of individuals grappling with the decision to stay in the closet or reveal their homosexuality. Through a series of intimate narratives, the audience is invited into the inner turmoil of each character as they navigate societal expectations and personal authenticity. As the stories unfold, the audience witnesses the profound ramifications of these choices,

and the courage it takes to live authentically in a world that often demands conformity. Voices From the Closet serves as a powerful reminder of the importance of embracing one's truth and the profound impact it can have on both individual lives and society as a whole.

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What's the rush?

FRI 8/9 9:30pm

SAT 8/10 8:00pm SUN 8/11 5:00pm



PRODUCERS: Rachel Tobin with Vox Dance

Collective

WRITER: Rachel Tobin

DANCERS: Erin Brandt, Cody Gomez,

Maria Reyes Vazquez, Rachel Tobin FEATURED GUEST DANCERS:

Isabelle Fleming, Amanda Myroniuk

FILM PRODUCTION: Erin Brandt, Maria Reyes Vazquez, Rachel Tobin

CHOREOGRAPHERS: Maria Reyes Vazquez & Rachel Tobin in collaboration with the dancers

ARTISTIC DIRECTION: Rachel Tobin SOUND EDITING: Maria Reyes Vazquez

COSTUME DESIGN: Erin Brandt

SYNOPSIS: An evening length performance that blends live dance with film. We're going on

a road trip, but this show is about the journey, not the destination. We invite you to slow down, enjoy the little things, and find the joy in the moment.

Special Thanks to STARS Dance Academy



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PRODUCER:

You Should See the Other Guy WRITERS/PERFORMERS:

Lockne Andreoni, Holly Bender,

Lillie Osborne, Megan Ramsey, Elsa Roeber,

Grey Smith, Maggie Smith

STAGE MANAGER: Megan Rader SOUND DESIGN: Rebecca Walker VIDEO MARKETING: Rebecca Walker

COMPOSERS: Mitch Apse "Consuming", Grey Smith "It's Time to Have Fun with Swag"

LYRICS & CHOREOGRAPHY: Megan

Ramsey "Consuming"

SYNOPSIS: A sketch show featuring a wide and exciting variety of comedy! We've created

a special show just for you! Join us for a night of dancing, laughter, and maybe even a few vampires, if you're lucky!

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PRODUCER & DIRECTOR: Paul Pape **PERFORMER:** Paul Pape

SYNOPSIS: A one-man show that combines elements of storytelling, humor, and heartfelt reflection. It's an exploration of the human experience, focusing on the power of embracing failure as a means to learn, grow, and innovate.

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The Hero's Journey

THU 8/8 7:00pm

SAT 8/10 8:00pm

SUN 8/11 5:00pm



PRODUCERS: Pandemic! @ the Disco Robyn Helwig & Matt Johnson **DIRECTOR:** Robyn Helwig PERFORMERS: Matt Johnson, Robyn Helwig, Kate Wiig, Chris Wiig, Patrick Kilcoyne, Austin Dunham SYNOPSIS: 2X OEAA winning

"Pandemic! @ the Disco" brings a full length improvised musical to the stage. Brought to life in front of your eyes based on your suggestions, this musical will have you laughing and crying like anything you've seen at the Orpheum-

with 0% of the budget or rehearsal process! Come join us on this Hero's Journey!

Special Thank You: Penelope Flowers, Backline Comedy Theater

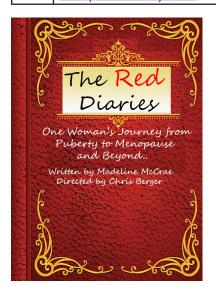


The Red Diaries: One Woman's Journey from Puberty to Menopause and Beyond...

THU 8/8 8:30pm

FRI 8/9 8:00pm SAT 8/10 **SUN 8/11** 9:30pm

6:30pm



PRODUCER: PastEurlze Productions

WRITER: Madeline McCrae **DIRECTOR:** Chris Berger PERFORMER: Madeline McCrae STAGE MANAGER: Nora Roberson STAGE CREW: Megan Grisinger SET CONSTRUCTION: Kris Saxon VIDEOGRAPHER/PHOTOGRAPHER:

Roger Penzotti

SYNOPSIS: A one-woman show sharing funny and relatable stories. There's highs, there's lows, there's a lot of humor. Join us on a laugh-filled journey through womanhood. If you know a woman (and who doesn't??) you will find yourself having a great time at this show!

*Please note that at each performance we will be collecting feminine hygiene products to be given to the women's shelter.

2024 FRINGE BUTTON



ARTIST BIOS

Nicholas A. Jansen has been a part of the Omaha Fringe team in one capacity or another since 2021. They are passionate about new theatre that uplifts not just new artists, but their communities as a whole. Outside of the fringe, Nicholas is an acclaimed stage manager in the Omaha community, having production stage managed for several different theatre companies, notably the Ollie Webb Center, Inc. and the Circle Theatre, both organizations that are dedicated to serving and including individuals with disabilities in the arts. In July of 2022, Nicholas production stage

managed Fame: The Musical for the University of Nebraska at Omaha's inaugural year of their Summer Musical Theatre Academy for high school students, one of the first performances on the Gene Leahy Mall Pavillion in downtown Omaha as a part of its opening celebrations. In August of 2022, Nicholas made their debut as a playwright when their play, On the Line, premiered at the Omaha Fringe Festival. They received their BA in theater from UNO in 2021.

Lara Marsh is a very active Omaha/Metro area director and theatre practitioner with her master of arts in Theatre Direction from UNO. She has directed for multiple theatres in the Omaha/Metro area. Favorite credits include The Clearing, Brilliant Traces, Operation Crucible, Mary Stuart, and Lost Boy Found at Whole Foods. In her continued education, she fulfilled a graduate assistantship in stage management. Lara has stage-managed plays, musicals, festivals, and events. Some of her favorite stage management credits include: Richard III, Othello, Mister Roberts, and The Sound of Music. Over the years, Lara coordinated the national tours of A Christmas Carol for the Nebraska Theatre Caravan, while also coordinating the apprenticeship program for the Omaha Community Playhouse. She was also Director of Productions for the Nebraska Shakespeare Festival for a number of years. Currently she is a free-lance theatre practitioner. Her work includes dramaturgical work, dialects, intimacy directing and continuous exploration of her favorite classics including Shakespeare, Chekhov, Ibsen, and Tennessee Williams. In the contemporary world, Lara serves as Artistic Director of the Omaha Fringe Festival. Her directing credits for the festival include On the Line and The Real Professor. Lara is thrilled to be a part of the Omaha Fringe. Bringing new theatre to life and ensuring new voices, new stories are heard are what make the world go round. We must never forget the very essence of theatrical movement in all its forms - humanity and storytelling.

APPRECIATION

We would like to thank the following people and organizations for their continued support of the Omaha Fringe Festival:

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AND

All of our volunteers, artists, theatre professionals, and patrons

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