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CHICAGO FRINGE FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES FINAL SCHEDULE & FRINGE CENTRAL DETAILS

CHICAGO—The Chicago Fringe Festival has announced the final schedule for the first year of the performing arts festival, coming to Pilsen September 1—5, 2010. 46 productions will perform at 8 venues for a total of 198 performances over the five-day period.

The diverse production schedule includes drama, comedy, musicals, dance and multimedia performance art pieces, along with some shows that can't quite be categorized. The full schedule can be found at <http://chicagofringe.org/showtimes.html>. Tickets are a suggested donation of \$10, and entry to all five days of the Festival is granted with a one-time purchase of a commemorative Fringe button, available for \$5.

Although the festival selections are chosen by lottery, several themes have emerged organically. Multiple shows focus on LGBT issues, including Rebecca Kling's *Uncovering the Mirrors*, which chronicles her journey from childhood to adult transgendered life. Race is also a topic of various productions, including Paul Diem's *Mulatto Child—Voices from the Margins*.

The festival kicks off on **Wednesday, September 1 at 4:00 pm** with the following performances:

- ❑ La Rinascita presents *The Fugitives* at Dream Theatre
- ❑ Pantea Productions presents *Silken Veils* at EP Theater
- ❑ Citadel Theatre Company presents *5 Times 10* at the Edinburgh Stage
- ❑ Lincoln Square Theatre presents *The Parenticide Club* at Chicago Art Department Gallery
- ❑ Les Kurkendaal presents *Christmas in Bakersfield* at Simone's Bar
- ❑ Steve O'Connell presents *What to Expect* at Casa Aztlan
- ❑ No Snowcones Productions presents *That Greek Thing* at Temple Gallery

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The celebration of Chicago theatre continues at Fringe Central. Located at 1714 S Racine, Fringe Central is the place to relax and network between performances. Sponsored by Old Style, Fringe Central will feature music and exhibits accompanied by rib-sticking food provided by local favorite Honky Tonk BBQ. After 10 pm each night, the party moves to Honky Tonk, located at 1213 W 18th Street. Live music will be featured each night, including a rockabilly band from New Orleans and Fulton County Line from Austin, TX. Chicago's own thriving music scene will join in with sets from local acts ElvisBride (<http://elvisbride.com>), The Kickback (<http://www.myspace.com/thekickback>) and Biographer (<http://www.myspace.com/biographermusic>).

Fringe Central is also set to host the first ever Chicago Fringe Preview Party, scheduled for 8:00 pm on August 28th. Admission is free and open to the public, and several Fringe artists will preview their upcoming performances.

More information about the festival is available at www.chicagofringe.org. Tickets are on sale now. A full list of performances including descriptions is attached for your reference.

TITLE	Company/Hometown	Date/Time First Performance	Description	Location	Addresses
5 Times 10 - A Collection of 10 Minute Plays	Citadel Theatre Company - Lake Forest, Illinois	Wed, Sep 1: 4pm	A smorgasboard of 10 minute plays to make you laugh, to make you cry, to make you cheer.	Edinburgh Stage	Dream Theatre - 556 W 18th St Chicago, IL 60616
And Ya Don't Stop a Hip Hop Play	Nicole Kearney Productions - Indianapolis, Indiana	Wed, Sep 1: 5:30pm	"And Ya Don't Stop, a hip hop play" finds a trio at the crossroads when a record label only wants one of them – Supreme, the emcee. Bitter, under contract and estranged from his crew, Supreme unwillingly goes on a journey guided by the messenger and the elements of hip hop to help him return to his hip hop roots.	Temple Gallery	EP Theater - 1820 S. Halsted
Annee Pocalypse	Hubris Productions - Chicago, Illinois	Wed, Sep 1: 7pm	A facetious adult graphic novel brought to life. This is pure unadulterated and collaborative camp. With the music you love reinterpreted by Jinx Titanic we follow Lil' Whor'n Annee as she searches for the perfect threesome in a zombie filled electrifying Sarah Palin run post apocalyptic future. Whew!	Edinburgh Stage	Temple Gallery - 1749 S. Halsted St., Chicago
The Bad Arm - Confessions of a Dodgy Irish Dancer	Maire Clerkin - Los Angeles, California	Wed, Sep 1: 8:30pm	Uproarious play by Máire Clerkin, directed by Dan O'Connor. If you thought all Irish dancers were curly- haired cutie-pies, meet a scowling misfit from London in this outrageous antidote to Riverdance. Arriving hotfoot from Best Of series at the Hollywood Fringe Festival, Clerkin kicks arse in this laugh-till-you-cry- comedy. Critic's Pick, BACKSTAGE	Adelaide Stage	Chicago Art Department - 1837 South Halsted Chicago, IL 60608
Believe in Nothing, Mock Everything	Les Enfants Terribles - Chicago, Illinois	Wed, Sep 1: 10pm	Les Enfants Terribles presents an exploration of love and devotion! Les Enfants are not convinced that love is all you need and hope to expose audiences to their own opinion through song, games, and the always present "what will happen next?" atmosphere.	Simone's	Chicago Arts District Gallery: Adelaide Stage - 1832 S. Halsted
Breaking Down in Americ	Patrick Devine - Burbank, California	Wed, Sep 1: 7pm	Pat Devine said, "the hell with it." Then, to show that he meant it, he bought a beat up Cadillac for \$500 and drove it (as far as he could) across America. This show, complete with video and photos from the trip, is the story of what happened.	Casa Aztlan	Chicago Arts District Gallery: Edinburgh Stage - 2003 S. Halsted

Bridges	Patchwork Woman Performance - Chicago, Illinois	Wed, Sep 1: 5:30pm	Bridges is a woman-centered program of dance theatre including solos and small group works. The program stitches individual creative responses into a quilted performance experience. Drawing on the strength of its diverse cast, Bridges expresses a multiplicity of womens' experiences using a range of performance styles to tell our stories.	Adelaide Stage	Simone's Bar - 960 W 18th St -
Cabinanalysis...or, Build Your Own Damn Cabin!	2nd Story, Chicago, Illinois	Wed, Sep 1: 8:30pm	When a middle-aged psychiatrist must find a way to salvage his crumbling relationships with his teenage kids, he devises a plan for them to build a replica of Thoreau's cabin together in their suburban backyard. Builder's Block, adolescent rebellion, and other natural disasters threaten to shatter his dream in this contemporary comedy about parenthood, creativity, and what it costs to live your unlive life.	Simone's	Casa Aztlan - 1831 S. Racine Ave., Chicago, IL 60608
Christmas in Bakersfield	Les Kurkendaal - West Hollywood, California	Wed, Sep 1: 4pm	This is crazy ! Les meets Mike. When Mike takes Les home to meet his very conservative , right wing republican family, he realizes that he forgot to tell them one very important detail ,that Les is African American. Oops ! This show puts the fun in dysfunctional.	Simone's	Fringe Central - Honky Tonk BBQ Lot - 1714 S. Racine
Driving the Body Back	Swanderwoman Productions - Ames, Iowa	Wed, Sep 1: 8:30pm	The vault opens upon bootleggers, rumrunners, butchers, tenders of dogs and the tender hearted as a young woman learns of the vigorous lives and deaths of her Irish – Immigrant family while driving her mother's body home for burial. Staged from the critically acclaimed poetry of Mary Swander.	Dream Theatre	
Empanada for a Dream	Juan Villa - New York City, New Yor	Wed, Sep 1: 5:30pm	1990's.The Lower East Side of NYC. The Yankees go from chumps to champs. Koch, Dinkins and Giuliani all wizz by and Hip hop will be born out of poverty. Welcome to the Loaisaida. Consider yourself an outsider, a tourist, a blanquito or just plain 'ol lucky. Either way, it's a trip down empanada memory lane	EP Theater	
Exhausted Paint: The Death of Van Gogh	Opium, Fireworks and Lead - St. Paul, Minnesota	Wed, Sep 1: 5:30pm	Van Gogh, alienation, wine! What more do you need? A tender play about harshness, "Exhausted Paint" explores Vincent van Gogh's desperate struggle to mean something in a world that devalues art and its artists, forever asking the question: Why does humanity devalue what humanizes us?	Simone's	

Finding Eleusis	Terra Mysterium - Chicago, Illinois	Wed, Sep 1: 8:30pm	In the dark heart of the earth, a single pomegranate seed burns like a star, and a Goddess is born. Terra Mysterium presents this apotheosis in Finding Eleusis, a contemporary drama illuminating the ancient story of Golden-Haired Demeter and her beloved daughter Persephone, Queen of the Underworld.	Chicago Art Department	
The Fugitives	La Rinascita - Valparaiso, Indiana	Wed, Sep 1: 4pm	A mute Orestes and disturbed Elektra grapple with ghost and memory in a wasteland of dreams. 6000 years on the run. One terrible choice. La Rinascita's The Fugitives "will make your heart pump harder and the sweat bead on your forehead."	Dream Theatre	
Get Rich Cheating	Jeff Kreisler & Up Top Productions - Long Island City, New York	Wed, Sep 1: 5:30pm	Wanna get rich? Colbert meets Tony Robbins in this wealth-building seminar exposing the proven path to obscene wealth - ethics be damned. Based on the bestselling book. Everyone's cheating: Why not you? "You'll be laughing all the way to the bank" - Rachel Maddow. "Very funny" - Terry Jones (Monty Python)	Casa Aztlan	
Grind: The Musical	Theater Undeclared - Burnsville, Minnesota	Wed, Sep 1: 10pm	A neighborhood coffee shop serves as a haven for all types of people, from hardworking baristas, to homeless evangelists to aspiring musicians. "Grind" uses slam poetry, shadow puppetry and lots of music to explore what happens when a shop like this is due for demolition.	Dream Theatre	
Knee Jerk	The Consortium Project - Chicago, Illinois	Wed, Sep 1: 5:30pm	YOU COULD DIE RIGHT NOW! In a society that tip-toes around dangerous behavior to avoid its mortality, come visit the underbelly of that world that everyone ignores: The reality that, at any moment, the most trivial actions and most immediate, instinctive reactions can lead to our end.	Dream Theatre	
Kraigslist	BITE Theatre - Cedarburg, Wisconsin	Wed, Sep 1: 7pm	In this dark adventurous comedy that divided Milwaukee both audiences and critics alike, a lonely middle aged couple kidnap a homeless woman's child in an attempt to save their marriage.	Dream Theatre	
Moliere Than Thou	Timothy Mooney Repertory Theatre - Prospect Heights, Illinois	Wed, Sep 1: 8:30pm	Moliere lives! Abandoned by his cast, Moliere must keep his audience satisfied while working through some of the funniest monologues of all time. He employs audience to play out the Tartuffe seduction scene, or the Doctor examination scene, clambers across their laps, all the while spouting dizzying rhymes	Edinburgh Stage	

The Parenticide Club	Lincoln Square Theatre - Chicago, Illinois	Wed, Sep 1: 4pm	A dark comedy about a club you definitely don't want your children to join. Inspired by the stories of Ambrose Bierce. Featuring Elana Elyse, Dan Hickey, Vince Mahler and David Skvarla.	Chicago Art Department	
The Playdaters	And Giggles Productions - Milwaukee, Wisconsin	Wed, Sep 1: 5:30pm	Two guys, hundreds of girls, one complicated scoring system. Spencer and Erwin exploit a dating website to play a game of dares and pranks on unsuspecting singles. Spencer eventually falls in love with a one-dimensional character, and Erwin, thwarting Spencer, finds that he can manipulate the world of a romantic comedy in astounding ways.	Edinburgh Stage	
Please Love Me, High School Boyfriend	Weber & Einstein - Chicago, Illinois	Wed, Sep 1: 5:30pm	Like lightning in the wilderness, Chicago's Weber and Einstein present their first written show Please Love Me, High School Boyfriend. Through a series of inter-woven two-person scenes, bits, and songs the duo explore deep down inside everyone just wants somebody to love them. Sweet and twisted, this hour-long show feels like what would happen if Shirley Temple was thrown into the ghetto and forced to hustle in an attempt to earn America's respect.	Chicago Art Department	
Rambo: The Missing Years	Howard Petrick - San Francisco, California	Wed, Sep 1: 10pm	Threats of treason charges! Phone calls from the Pentagon! In this hilarious autobiographical solo performance, Petrick brings a cast of characters to life as he recounts his misadventures as a young antiwar GI who asserts his right to organize his fellow soldiers against the Vietnam war.	chicago Art Department	
The Ripettes Burlesque in ... Peter Panties: A Neverland	Ripettes Burlesque - Chicago, Illinois	Wed, Sep 1: 7pm	The Ripettes Burlesque is happy to bring their sexy mix of theater, comedy, dance & general naughtiness to Fringe with their production of "Peter Panties: A Neverland Burlesque"! See sexy pirates, pixies, lost girls & naughty boys in a rousing and randy burlesque interpretation of this classic fairy tail. Who knew growing up could be so sexy? Xoxo!	Simone's	
The Roast of Piglet	Alan Brouillette - Chicago, Illinois	Wed, Sep 1: 8:30pm	Are your childhood memories are too pristine? Need them soiled beyond recovery? Or do you just want to feel like a disgusting immoral person? If you've ever wanted to see something that'll make you want to fill every opening of your head with bleach, we're here for you.	Casa Aztlan	

Scenes of a Love Like Nature	The Hollow Tree - Decatur, Illinois	Wed, Sep 1: 10pm	In a weekly podcast, Dr. Dinah Hansard promotes her unconventional views on sex and monogamy. If sex is a need, like hunger, is it healthy to stick to one food group till death do us part? But is it worth the implications of letting the love of her life explore his sexual taste buds?	EP Theater	
Silken Veils	Pantea Productions - Stevenson Ranch, California	Wed, Sep 1: 4pm	Silken Veils combines Rumi poetry, marionettes, table-top puppets, live performance and animation. This turbulent, sometimes humorous tale, follows Darya, an Iranian born American citizen as she struggles with love in the US while reliving her childhood in Iran during the Revolution of 1979 and the Iran/Iraq war.	EP Theater	
Single Girl in a Gay Man's World	Terri Cyrmes - Tampa, Florida	Wed Sep 1: 8:30pm	Single Girl in A Gay Man's World is the classic story of a girl finding her way. Mixed with some laughter and tears, a splash of musical theatre, and whole bunch of gay. Shaken and served straight up.	temple Gallery	
Skinny Dipping - Not Your Mama's One Woman Show!	Shanna Shrum - Chicago, Illinois	Wed, Sep 1: 7pm	Chicago based, nationally touring, 8% performance artist Shanna Shrum uses improv, script, cabaret and a whole lotta wigs to break through, strip down and jump into the pool of acceptance.	temple Gallery	
The Steve Show	Jason Economus - Chicago, Illinois	Wed, Sep 1: 10pm	You think Conan O'Brien had it bad gettin kicked off the Tonight Show, check out Steve Shubert and his big break into the world of late night entertainment and his immediate downfall. Think a vaudevillian carwreck painted by Jackson Pollack!	Casa Aztlan	
Sweet, Half Darkness	Genesis Ensemble - Chicago, Illinois	Wed Sep 1: 10pm	Lucy is on the verge of turning thirty, and her life is not what she expected it to be. Suddenly she has an unconventional opportunity to start over. Will she take it? And is the decision hers alone to make? Through ensemble-devised performance, Genesis Ensemble explores the question: How do we create the life we desire?	Edinburgh Stage	
The Texas Chainsaw Musical	New Millenium Theatre Company - Chicago, Illinois	Wed Sep 1: 8:30pm	"The most purely horrifying horror movie ever made" is brought to the Chicago Fringe stage in all its' ghastly glory. Witness Leatherface sing his heart out (or that of a hapless traveler) ! See Sally harmonize for her life! Live music by 'The Family Band'! DON'T MISS The Texas Chainsaw Musical!	EP Theater	

That Greek Thing	No Snowcones Productions - Leduc, Alberta, Canada	Wed Sep 1: 4 pm	One fateful day, Pandora opened her box and unleashed all of the evils of mankind upon the face of the Earth. Follow four story tellers as they define and uncover the worst horrors humanity has yet to face in this sketch comedy show by Canadian company, No Snowcones Productions.	temple Gallery	
Touch My App	Tiberius Productions - Ypsilanti, Michigan	Wed Sep 1: 7pm	Touch My App has everything! CANDY EVERYWHERE!! A creative look at America from the childish, strange, and daffy minds of Tommy Simon, Andy Orscheln, and Lorenzo Toia!! BE THERE!!	chicago Art Department	
Uncovering the Mirrors	Rebecca Kling - Chicago, Illinois	Wed Sep 1: 10pm	Follow Rebecca Kling's travels from her first explorations of gender at six years old, to the Bar Mitzvah that gendered her as a "man," from the hormones coursing through her blood, to a future fragile as glass. Described by TimeOut Chicago as performing with "raw honesty and graceful body movements" and by Centerstage Chicago as "a burgeoning Chicago talent."	temple Gallery	
Unintended Structures	The Anatomy Collective - Chicago, Illinois	Wed Sep 1: 7pm	The Anatomy Collective takes on the idea of "here" by exploring ideas of place, the science of space and the environment both organic and constructed in their latest collaboration exploring the transformative.	Adelaide Stage	
What To Expect	Steve O'Connell - Chicago, Illinois	Wed Sep 1: 4 pm	Steve is married. Steve is ready. Steve... Has no idea. Come relive nine months in the life of Steve and watch him learn what to do, what to say, and what to expect. Is anyone ready to have a baby?	Casa Aztlan	
Columbine & Roses	Shakura World Theatre - Chicago, Illinois	Thursday, Sep 2, 7pm	In Columbine, Colorado, ridicule caused two boys to turn against their fellow students in violence. A desperate cry. This multi-media piece is a chant ritual enhanced by strings and tribal drums and includes scripted scenes, movement and video-art. Intertwined with the deconstructed events in Columbine is the juxtaposition of Mayan myths related to primal dominance and sacrifice.	Adelaide Stage	
Drunk with Hope in Chicago	What's a Girl to Do Productions - Washington, D.C.	Thursday, Sep 2, 8:30 pm	What's a nice girl like you NOT drinking in a place like this?" Handron discards clichéd portrayals of recovery in her portrayal of over 20 female alcoholics stemming from her thesis research on the subject, comparing face-to-face to online meetings.	EP Theater	

Inner Cartography	Megan Rhyme - Chicago, Illinois	Thursday, Sep 2, 8:30 pm	Expect to have your mind blown in this dance work by scientifically curious choreographer Megan Rhyme, in collaboration with neuroscientist Miriam Sach. Dancers become neurons and molecules, the stage transforms into the space inside your brain, and the process of learning becomes illuminated from the inside and out.	Adelaide Stage	
The Meeting	Backe Productions - Chicago, Illinois	Thursday, Sep 2, 4pm	Samuel Beckett is brought back to life and given a gig writing for the Office.	Edinburgh Stage	
The Talking Cure Presents: It's All in Your Head	The Talking Cure - Chicago, Illinois	Thursday, Sep 2, 4pm	"It's All In Your Head" is a twisted sketch comedy at its best from The Talking Cure. When an ancient spirit messenger begins talking to you in your head, you best listen! But make sure you understand what it wants before you agree to anything first. Also magical trees exist, some of them are just nicer than others.	Casa Aztlan	
A.D.	Riverrun Theatre Company - Madison, Indiana	Friday, Sep 3, 4pm	She is women, hear them roar. Attention deficits, afternoon delights, American dreams, artistic differences, anxiety disorders, antic dispositions...how do we separate the information from the noise? One woman will try to answer that question...if she can even hear the question... Riverrun Theatre presents "A.D.," starring Annie Huey, written by David J. Loehr, directed by Jim Stark	edinburgh Stage	
The Lonely Visitors	RE/Dance - Stevens Point, Wisconsin	Friday Sep 3, 10pm	The Lonely Visitors is an investigation of the trials and desires of the heart. This dance theater work explores a melancholy terrain and the tender balance between people. A work for 9 performers, it explodes with powerful dancing and striking imagery that draws the audience member into its delicate environment.	Adelaide Stage	
Machito Pichon	Piel Morena Contemporary Dance - Chicago, Illinois	Friday Sep 3, 8:30 pm	This contemporary dance work deals with the stereotypical behaviors of machismo, thus being exaggerated aggressiveness, intransigence in male-to-male interpersonal relationships, arrogance and sexual aggression in male-to-female relationships. The work is performed by women portraying men in an effort to unmask the machista's true selves and to illustrate the women's unprecedented strength.	Adelaide Stage	

Mulatto Child - Voices From the Margins	Paul Diem - Kingsville, Maryland	Friday Sep 3, 4pm	Black=Gangsta'. Chicano=Illegal Immigrant. Gay= Queen. Homeless=Lazy. Prostitute=Loves Sex. How about you? Do you like the way you're represented? Join in the conversation... laugh at the ridiculous construction. See Mulatto Child - Voices From The Margins.	Casa Aztlan	
Fringe Central	n/a	Open from Start of Festival to 10 pm nightly	The outdoor central party area of the festival, including drink, food, art and fun. Sponsored by Old Style Beer and Honky Tonk BBQ.	Honky Tonk BBQ Lot	