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SCRANTON FRINGE
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SEPTEMBER 28TH - OCTOBER 7TH

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WELCOME!

Hello, and welcome to the 2023 Scranton Fringe Festival!

Throughout the pages of this guide, you will find all of the information you need to navigate this amazing 10-day Festival. For the past 9 years, Scranton Fringe has filled the downtown area with hundreds of creative, exciting, and diverse presentations of theatrical and visual arts. We're very excited to continue bringing high-quality, innovative work to venues across downtown Scranton!

We're grateful to our community for your participation in the wide variety of events produced by Fringe. Please be aware that **we will be requiring masks for all audience members at the first matinee performance at nearly every Fringe production this year.**

Masking is optional at all other performances. This helps ensure an environment that is welcoming and safer for our disabled and high-risk community members and reduces the risk of cancellations so we appreciate your adherence to this policy. We welcome our audience to once again join us on the Fringe and to support our performers as they express their unique artistic visions across the Electric City!

To our artists: Thank you for creating this special festival with us, and for giving Scranton Fringe your time and energy. We can't wait to see you shine!

To our board members, sponsors, venues, designers, and button partners: You are the tent poles that start the circus. We couldn't build anything without your support! Thank you for your efforts and for supporting our new (and sometimes unusual) ideas throughout the pandemic.

To our venue managers, volunteers, and production team: Every year, you jump in to help with such enthusiasm and willingness to share your expertise. We are so grateful for your guiding hands and the gifts of your time, energy, and ideas.

To our audience: Thank you for nine years of support! We hope you enjoy all that the Scranton Fringe Festival has to offer and have the best time exploring the events in these pages. Don't forget to share your photos with the community by using #ScrantonFringe on all social media platforms.

Thank you for helping us stage a cultural revolution as we continue to give revolutionary culture a stage!

All our best,

Conor Kelly O'Brien
Co-Founder / Executive Director

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WHAT IS FRINGE?

The Scranton Fringe Festival is a multi-day, multi-venue performing arts festival. The 2023 Scranton Fringe Festival will take place in multiple venues throughout downtown Scranton across 10 days (September 28th - October 7th, 2023). Theater, musicals, dance, puppetry, visual art, and much more combine to create a memorable experience packed with one of a kind events. The Scranton Fringe Festival is dedicated to creating a bold and engaging platform for creative and thought provoking art with minimal risk to artist and audience. Regional as well as touring artists are welcomed to present work with no censorship placed on content or artistic expression while striving to promote Scranton as a viable and creative environment.

Fringe Festivals have a rich and interesting history! It all started in Edinburgh Scotland in 1947 when a group of determined artists created a new festival

to play alongside the Edinburgh International Festival. Robert Kemp,

a Scottish playwright and journalist, gave it the name Fringe: "Round the fringe of official Festival drama, there seems to be more private enterprise than before...". Since then the Edinburgh Fringe has grown into the worlds largest annual event! Fringes continue to pop up across the globe, each celebrating censor free art in their own unique ways!



WHY CALL IT A "FRINGE FESTIVAL"?

We recognize and honor the original inhabitants and nations of the land our work primarily takes place upon: the Lenape, the Munsee, the Shawnee and the Susquehannocks. We pay respect to the Native peoples of Pennsylvania and their elders past, present, and future. We understand that a land statement is only a small measure and not the true work that must be done for the Indigenous peoples and their communities. On our website you will find links to various Indigenous lead organizations

we encourage you to engage with and support such as the Raven Trust, The Lennape Nation of Pennsylvania, First People's fund, and more.



NATIVE LAND STATEMENT

Where/When is the Scranton Fringe Festival?

The 2023 Scranton Fringe Festival will take place Thursday, September 28th through Saturday, October 7th in venues across downtown Scranton PA.

How much are the tickets and where can I purchase tickets for the 2023 Scranton Fringe Festival?

Nearly all shows in the festival are ticketed at \$15.00. Fringe buttons, optional for this year, cost \$5 and are a one-time purchase that helps fund the cost of the festival. Fringe buttons ALSO get you special discounts at various downtown shops and restaurants. The Fringe VIP Pass (\$100.00) is a great deal that gets you into nearly all the great shows at the Fringe! Tickets/ passes can be purchased in advance online or at the venue on the day of the performance if not sold out. For more information please go to

www.scrantonfringe.org

What's that about the Fringe Button?

The Fringe button is not required for entry into shows in 2023 BUT the purchase of the button still helps fund the festival and gives special discounts at local businesses. You can purchase a button for \$5 from one of our awesome Button Partners or from any Scranton Fringe box office. Remember, you must present a fringe button at the Button Partners to receive any discounts. Please hold on to it throughout the whole festival and enjoy your souvenir that shows you support new, unique theatre in Scranton!

Where can I find the schedule for the 2023 Scranton Fringe Festival?

This guide is it! A complete schedule (listed by venue) and map of the 2023 Scranton Fringe Festival is included in this guide AND can be found on our website (scrantonfringe.org).

What / Where is Fringe HQ?

The Scranton Fringe HQ is the festival's base of operations & central box office. 2023 Fringe HQ is located at 541 Wyoming Ave. (in the Meals on Wheels of NEPA building). Please visit our website or contact us for hours!

Where can I park during the festival?

There are several parking garages and public lots where you can pay to park your car during the fringe festival. Street parking is metered in downtown Scranton, Monday-Friday (8 am to 5 pm), and free on weekends! Much of the festival schedule will fall outside of the metered parking. We encourage you to always check the time and signs to be sure to avoid any fines.

What are the COVID guidelines for 2023?

Due to the uncertain nature of the ongoing pandemic, and to create a space for high risk audience members, please be aware that we will be requiring masks for all audience members at the first matinee performance of nearly every Fringe production this year. Masks will be available for free at all Fringe venues. Take note of the mask icon (🧢) within the guide for further clarification. Masking is optional at all other performances.

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PENNSYLVANIA AMERICAN WATER



2023 SHOWS BY VENUE Thurs, Sept 28th - Sat, Oct 7th

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Lackawanna								
Children's Library								
SCC Jr Ballroom								
Shakes Space								
Space at Olive								
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Lackawanna			Nomad's Mountain					
Children's Library			The Lighthouse					
SCC Jr Ballroom	All Beginnings			52 Mondays				
Shakes Space	Strange, America				Graphic Prints			
Space at Olive	Daughters, Wives						Daughters, Wives	
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AFA Gallery								
Lackawanna				Taking Up Space				
Children's Library	Kids Silent Disco							
SCC Jr Ballroom	No It To Get				Remember You			
Shakes Space	Madame and Eve							
Space at Olive			Gruesome Playground					

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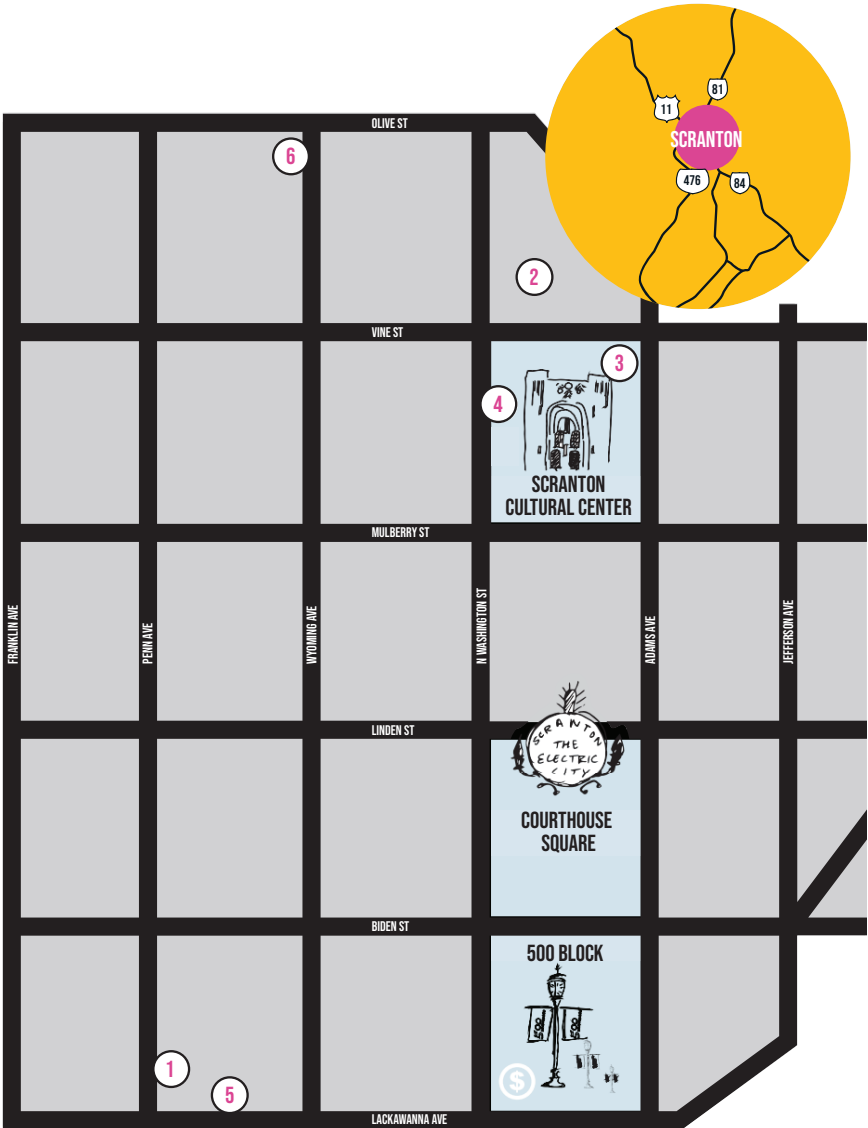
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VENUE LEGEND

— STREET \$ ATM ♿ ACCESSIBLE VENUE

- 1** AFA GALLERY ♿
101 Penn Ave
- 2** LACKAWANNA COLLEGE
PEOPLE'S SECURITY BANK THEATRE ♿
501 Vine St
- 3** LACKAWANNA COUNTY CHILDREN'S LIBRARY ♿
520 Vine St
- 4** SCRANTON CULTURAL CENTER
JR BALLROOM ♿
420 North Washington Ave (lower level)
- 5** SHAKES SPACE ♿
THE MARKETPLACE AT STEAMTOWN
300 Lackawanna Ave Suite #122
- 6** SPACE AT OLIVE ♿
541 Wyoming Ave

MAP OF SCRANTON



SCRANTON FRINGE FESTIVAL BUTTON PARTNERS & SPECIALS ✨

The **2023 Scranton Fringe Button** is only \$5, helps fund the festival, and gives special discounts at various local businesses! You can purchase a button for \$5 from one of our awesome Button Partners listed at scrantonfringe.org or from any Scranton Fringe box office. Remember, you must present the fringe button at the Button Partners to receive any discounts. Please hold on to it throughout the whole festival and enjoy your souvenir that shows you support new, unique theatre in Scranton!

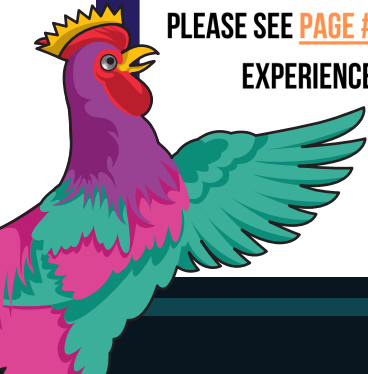


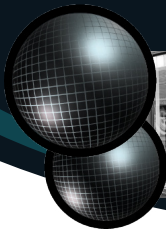
SUN, OCT. 1, 2023 12-4 PM

200 ARTHUR AVE, NAY AUG PARK, SCRANTON

FREE COMMUNITY DAY - RAIN OR SHINE

PLEASE SEE [PAGE #22](#) FOR INFO ON OUR SPECIAL IMMERSIVE AUDIO
EXPERIENCE AT THE 2023 HONEYBEE & HARVEST DAY





AFA GALLERY

101 Penn Ave



Rated PG | 60 Minutes

Gloss



Presented by Willow Gatewood and Skye Gatewood

Gloss is a story of finding one's queerness through the lens of ecology. Join artists Willow and Skye as they guide you on a journey that blends theatre, visuals, song, and music made in collaboration with plants and fungi to explore the messy, non-binary truth of nature and humanity. How do we construct ourselves? How do we name what we are? Dive into the chaos of living, and explore a surreal reality crafted within this space of science and art. In this performance, plants and fungi create a sonic landscape through bio-sonification, which involves turning processes within living organisms into music and sound. After the performance, time is held for a short Q&A and a chance for audience members to try bio-sonification for themselves.

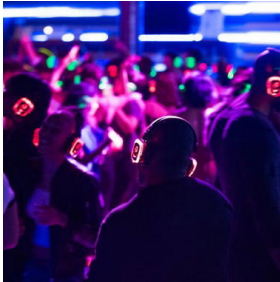
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Saturday, September 30th at 3:30 pm & 7:00 pm

Sunday, October 1st at 3:30 pm

Fringe Silent Disco



Presented by Scranton Fringe

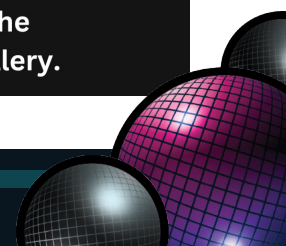
Dance the night away on the Fringe (in silence) at AFA Gallery! All music is transmitted wirelessly to headphones, so there are no loud noises to shout over; you can adjust your volume on the headsets so the music is always just right! There are up to 3 stations of music to select on the headphones, so you never get tired of what's playing and can stay on the dance floor longer. Join us at AFA Gallery in tandem with the official opening of its 2023 LGBTQ history month exhibit for this special after-Fringe-First-Friday festivities!

Friday, October 6th starting at 9:30 pm

TRUE COLORS A CELEBRATION OF QUEER HISTORY AND EXPRESSION

EXHIBIT - SEPTEMBER 28TH - OCTOBER 29TH

Special visual exhibit in tandem with the
2023 Scranton Fringe Festival at AFA Gallery.



NEXT AT THE SORDONI ART GALLERY

2023-2024
Exhibition Season

The One Rose: Celebrating the Life & Legacy of Rose O'Neill
The 50th Anniversary Exhibition
Curated by Heather Sincavage M.F.A.
Aug. 25 - Oct. 8, 2023

Framing Moments: Photography from the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts
Nov. 7, 2023 - Feb. 4, 2024

Ubhle Women: Beadwork and the Art of Independence
March 1 - May 24, 2024

Wilkes University Alumni Exhibition: Celebrating the Blue and Gold
Alumni Juried Exhibition
June 18 - Aug. 11, 2024

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ALL BEGINNINGS ARE HARD

A musical telling of what it's like to start over, featuring
Scranton-based composer Zach Sprowls at the piano with a live string trio.

Jr. Ballroom at the Scranton Cultural Center | 420 N Washington Ave, Scranton, PA 18503

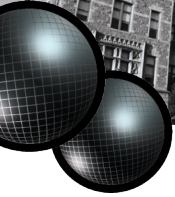
Friday, Sep 29, 8:30pm
Saturday, Sep 30, 2:00pm (piano only)
Saturday, Sep 30, 8:30pm
Sunday, Oct 1, 2:00pm

For tickets visit
zachsprohls.com/shows



LACKAWANNA COLLEGE PEOPLE'S SECURITY BANK THEATRE

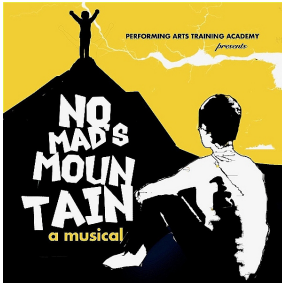
501 Vine Street



Rated PG | 90 Minutes

Nomad's Mountain

Presented by Presented by PATASphere



"Nomad's Mountain" is an all-original musical that will be performed by PATASphere, the same company that brought "Just A Penny," "North Star Alley," and "In Search of Marjee" to the Scranton Fringe Festival. Through a compelling combination of storytelling, songwriting, and dance, "Nomad's Mountain" delves into the pressures and crises faced by young people viewed as outsiders

Friday, September 29th at 7:00 pm



Saturday, September 30th at 3:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Sunday, October 1st at 3:00 pm

Ratings vary by film | 60 Minutes

Taking Up Space

Presented by Scranton Fringe

Under the artistic direction of Dan Kimbrough

Taking Up Space is a film festival within the Scranton Fringe Festival that will showcase the works of BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, Persons of Color) filmmakers. Documentary, narratives, animation, experimental, and all other genres of short films will be highlighted. The artistic director and curator of Taking Up Space is Dan Kimbrough. This special venture is presented by Park Multimedia, Black Scranton Project, and Scranton Fringe. The mission of Taking Up Space is to lift the voices of historically excluded racial and ethnic narratives.

The films within Taking Up Space 2023 are:

Sci-Kids (Directed by Chop Mosley, written by John Xavier Lambert, and Chelsea Scruggs).

Outcoming (Directed and written by Saliha Crespo)

Beyond Skin Deep (Directed and written by Stacey Larkins)

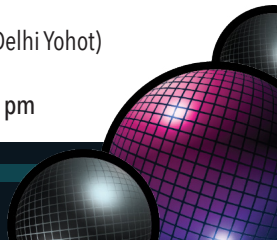
I Can Do Anything: A Letter to Burning Man (directed by Alba Roland Mejia)

Paris 1987 (Directed and written by Maw Delhi Yohot)

Friday, October 6th at 8:00 pm



Saturday, October 7th at 3:30 pm & 8:00 pm





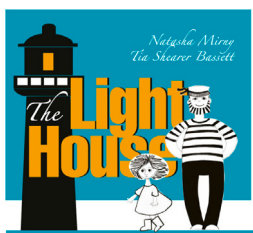
LACKAWANNA COUNTY CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

520 Vine Street



All 2023 Scranton Fringe Festival events at the Lackawanna County Children's Library are free and open to the public. To contact the library with any questions please call (570) 348-3000, ext. 3015.

All Ages | Free performances | 45 Minutes



The Lighthouse

On a little island in a faraway sea, there is a little girl who tends a lighthouse and who never ever smiles. Until one day, when she must set out for the horizon, and beyond....

From the playful minds of longtime pals and award-winning collaborators, Natasha Mirny and Tia Shearer Bassett, *The Light House* is a unique combination of shadow puppetry, storytelling, and interactive theatre. Celebrate the imaginative possibility of everyday objects (a cereal box, a flashlight, a sheet!) as you help Natasha and Tia tell a tale full of silliness and heart. Also...sea creatures. *The Light House*: an interactive shadow show is about finding your light. Best for ages 3-8, but everyone is invited! Saturday, September 30th at 12:00 pm & 3:00 pm



Rated PG | 90 Minutes

Fringe First Friday Tween Open Mic

The Lackawanna County Children's Library will host its third Scranton Fringe Festival Tween Open Mic Night for teens and kids 8 through 14! Scranton is a town of great talent and talent begins with the young! We welcome all art forms such as music, poetry, spoken word, dance, comedy, and magic - whatever you want to perform. It is our goal to provide a safe and welcoming stage. Whether it is your first time performing in front of people, or you are a seasoned vet, we are here for you! Friday, October 6th, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm



Rated PG | 90 Minutes

Kids Silent Disco

Dance party at the library! Join Scranton Fringe for its first kids-silent disco. Fringe provides the headsets, the tunes, and all the tech any child will need for this free dance party. Turn the music up as loud as you want on your own headset without fear of disturbing any nearby readers. This unique event is not to be missed!

Saturday, October 7th, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

SET THE STAGE

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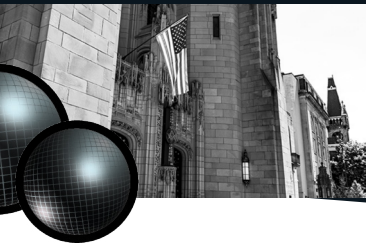
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FRINGE FOR THE PEOPLE.

Our Fringe For The People initiative provides free tickets to individuals and groups that could not otherwise afford them. Anyone interested in benefiting from this program or donating to make it a reality can simply email info@scrantonfringe.org.

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SCRANTON CULTURAL CENTER

JR BALLROOM

420 North Washington Ave (lower level)



Rated PG | 60 Minutes

All Beginnings Are Hard

Presented by Zach Sprowls



Scranton-based pianist and composer, Zach Sprowls, presents the world premiere of an instrumental telling of what it's like to start over. Featuring the piano and a live string trio, Zach uses elements of neoclassical minimalism, melody, and aching harmony to translate his own life experiences into a deeply-felt journey for listeners. His music has already been featured on highly-acclaimed KEXP radio; and for fans of Max Richter, Olafur Arnalds, Nils Frahm - or really anyone who knows the ups and downs of growing up - this is an experience you don't want to miss.

Friday, September 29th at 8:30 pm

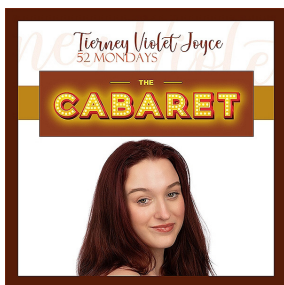
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Sunday, October 1st at 2:00 pm


Rated PG | 60 Minutes

Tierney Violet Joyce: 52 Mondays The Cabaret

Presented by Tierney Violet Joyce



Tierney Violet Joyce posted her first episode of 52 Mondays on January 2, 2023 - and hasn't missed a Monday yet! Tierney started this project to share her passion for Musical Theatre: the songs she loves, the shows that inspire her, and her respect for all of the elements that come together to create live theater. She will be joined on stage by the incredibly talented Stephen Murphy as Music Director and Accompanist. Tierney is so excited to bring 52 Mondays The Cabaret to the Scranton Fringe Festival!

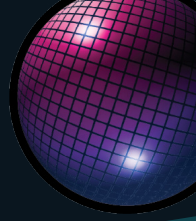
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JR BALLROOM (CONTINUED)

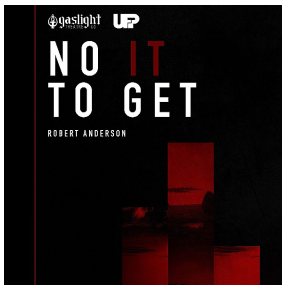
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No It To Get

Presented by Gaslight Theatre Company & Ultimate Form Productions



Inspired by the works of Samuel Beckett's absurd masterpiece "Endgame", Shakespeare's Fool in "King Lear", and an incessant search for humanity's true meaning in the world, we see the lives of "Me" and "You" as they explore what could have been, what has already transpired, and the most frightening of all: what is to come. As the clock ticks down to the "End of the Game" see this dynamic duo navigate through fits of utter buffoonery, absolute destruction, and the realization of being the only two left in their world. Watch on as "You" is pulled away from "Me" as "Me" desperately tries to hold on to "You". What will become of these two? Only "Time will tell... if Time still tells".

Thursday, October 5th at 7:00 pm

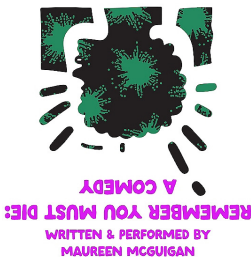
Friday, October 6th at 7:00 pm

 Saturday, October 7th at 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Rated PG-13 | 60 Minutes

Remember You Must Die

Presented by Common Play Factory



Death is probably the most taboo subject in our society and rarely discussed enough, but the only certain thing in life is that we will die. In this one-woman show, Maureen McGuigan uses humor to tell a story based on her own struggles with this topic, Directed by Alicia Grega and featuring projection and music by Jason Smeltzer, the performance encourages us to reflect on and discuss death more to help us live a more authentic and meaningful life.

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SHAKES SPACE

THE MARKETPLACE AT STEAMTOWN

300 Lackawanna Ave Suite #122

Strange, America

Presented by the Scranton Shakespeare Festival

In Strange, America, a young couple finds themselves stranded in a mysterious town in the Pacific Northwest. Their uneasy relationship is about to become the least of their worries. This magical, dark, funny new work explores the tall tales we tell others, the lies we tell ourselves, and the monsters that lurk behind us all.

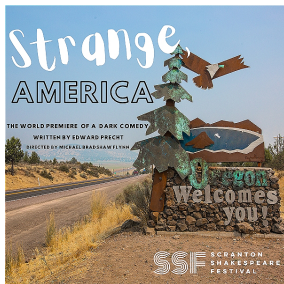
Strange, America was a finalist in the Scranton Shakespeare Festival and Pinkhouse Production's Scranton Scratch Night in 2021. We are excited to finally bring a fully staged production of this world premiere that is so full of wit, whimsy, wonder, and even woe.

Friday, September 29th at 8:30 pm

Saturday, September 30th at 2:00 pm & 8:30 pm

Sunday, October 1st at 2:00 pm

Rated PG-13 | 60 Minutes



Rated R | 60 Minutes

Madame and Eve

Presented by the Maslow Family Graduate Program in Creative Writing at Wilkes University

When Amy, the pastor's daughter, finds herself drawn to the new female worship leader, she must confront the deepest and darkest parts of herself before she's exposed under the watchful eyes of the congregation. Plagued by her constant chattering companions, Porn and Depression, she faces a monumental choice: will she be true to herself or stay on the path her faith set out for her?

This one-act play written by Nicole Duncan and directed by Simone Daniel challenges perceptions of spirituality, sexuality, and the complexities that lie within the journey of becoming who we really are. Presented by the Maslow Family Graduate Program in Creative Writing at Wilkes University.

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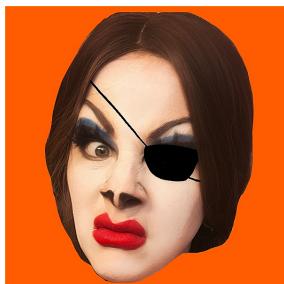
Presented by The Bog Players

Brandon received a letter asking him to appear in a small office for a lucrative job interview. But what is it they actually do in this office? The only employees are ladder climber Patricia who is worried he's after her job and Marvin who barely speaks while furiously writing. His new employer is a bizarre woman named Maeve who has an eye patch, a flair for the dramatic, and a hunger for other's ideas. All will be changed after this magical morning. This new far-out dark comedy from Conor McGuigan deals with commercialism, overworking, creative control, banality, fantasy, puppets, and more!

Friday, September 29th at 7:00 pm

Saturday, September 30th at 4:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Sunday, October 1st at 4:00 pm





SPACE AT OLIVE

541 Wyoming Ave



Rated R | 75 Minutes



Gruesome Playground Injuries

Presented by Wildflower Productions

They meet in an elementary school nurse's office: Kayleen- a strong-willed, young girl with a never-ending stomach ache, and Doug- a hyperactive young boy with a propensity for bloody injuries. Over the course of thirty years, they're brought together again and again by love, injury, and their own self-destructive tendencies. Can they save one another from themselves? Find out in this heartbreaking comedy by Rajiv Joseph. Presented by Wildflower Productions, performed by Jessica Cadden Osborne and Jake Wentlent

Thursday, October 5th at 7:00 pm

Friday, October 6th at 7:00 pm



Saturday, October 7th at 3:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Rated PG-13 | 60 Minutes



Daughters, Wives, Mothers: Lady and O-P-H-E-L-I-A

Presented by Madeline Burk and Shira Holtz

Who is a "mad woman" away from those who made her that way? Lady Macbeth and Ophelia, two of Shakespeare's most iconic female characters, begin their stories as women of status; they are well-loved, but not well-understood by the people in their lives. Each has a moment offstage, unseen and unheard, a turning point: a moment of solitude that changes everything, a moment audiences seldom get to see. Daughters, Wives, and Mothers examine what womanhood and girlhood mean through the lenses of Lady Macbeth and Ophelia in a single unobserved, "mad" moment.

Who could they have been with a real, loving community? With real, loving mothers? And how have they survived up until this point?

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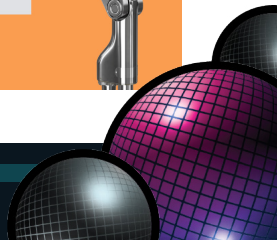
Saturday, September 30th at 2:00 pm, 5:00 pm, & 7:30 pm

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SPECIAL EVENTS

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2023 Fringe Festival Kick-Off Party

Join us for the kick-off party for the 2023 Scranton Fringe Festival. Delicious food by Peculiar Catering, DJ Conor McGuigan, preview performances from the Festival, and more! Celebrate the kick off to the Fringe Festival with us. Free and open for all to attend (food and drink for sale).

Groove Brewing
1401 Sanderson Ave, Scranton PA

Thursday, September 28th, 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm



Becoming A Bee - an audio-immersive experience for all ages

Get ready to "Bee" amazed as the Scranton Fringe Festival teams up with the Greenhouse Project on Sunday, October 1st, 2023 as part of the Greenhouse's "Honeybee & Harvest Day" within Nay Aug Park. Immerse yourself in the hive and discover the crucial roles they play, the incredible benefits they offer to us humans, and how we can support them. This experience is part dance party, part guided audio adventure, and entirely unique! You'll be transported through the mesmerizing sounds of real bee hives and accompanied by the talented voices of local actors via wireless headsets provided at the event.

Nay Aug Park

This free event will be presented during three sessions on Sunday, October 1st (1:00 pm, 1:30 pm, & 2:00 p.m.)

Each session is approx. 15 minutes long and is perfect for all ages!

Ratings vary by film | 60 Minutes

Taking Up Space

Presented by Scranton Fringe

Under the artistic direction of Dan Kimbrough

Taking Up Space is a film festival within the Scranton Fringe Festival that will showcase the works of BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, Persons of Color) filmmakers. Documentary, narratives, animation, experimental, and all other genres of short films will be highlighted. The artistic director and curator of Taking Up Space is Dan Kimbrough. This special venture is presented by Park Multimedia, Black Scranton Project, and Scranton Fringe. The mission of Taking Up Space is to lift the voices of historically excluded racial and ethnic narratives.

The films within Taking Up Space 2023 are:

Sci-Kids (Directed by Chop Mosley, written by John Xavier Lambert, and Chelsea Scruggs).

Outcoming (Directed and written by Saliha Crespo)

Beyond Skin Deep (Directed and written by Stacey Larkins)

I Can Do Anything: A Letter to Burning Man (directed by Alba Roland Mejia)

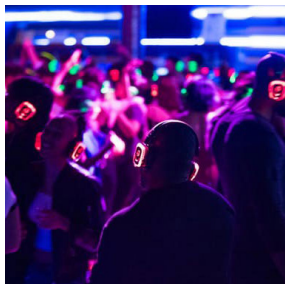
Paris 1987 (Directed and written by Maw Delhi Yohot)

Friday, October 6th at 8:00 pm

Saturday, October 7th at 3:30 pm & 8:00 pm



SPECIAL EVENTS (CONTINUED)



Fringe Silent Disco

Dance the night away on the Fringe (in silence) at AFA Gallery! All music is transmitted wirelessly to headphones, so there are no loud noises to shout over; you can adjust your volume on the headsets so the music is always just right! There are up to 3 stations of music to select on the headphones, so you never get tired of what's playing and can stay on the dance floor longer. Join us at AFA Gallery in tandem with the official opening of its 2023 LGBTQ history month exhibit for this special after-Fringe-First-Friday festivities!

[AFA Gallery](#)

Friday, October 6th starting at 9:30 pm

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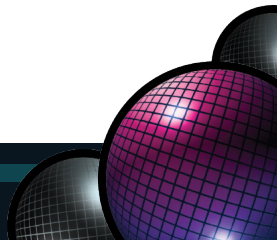
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