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Scranton Fringe Festival Hosts Annual Celebration of the Arts September 25 through October 5, 2025

The annual arts celebration will transform Scranton into a creative hub with live theater, visual arts displays, live music, comedy, film, and more, celebrating talent within the region and beyond.

(SCRANTON, PA) - The Scranton Fringe Festival will return to venues throughout the city this fall with performances running September 25 through October 5, 2025.

Founded in 2015 and inspired by the original Edinburgh Festival Fringe in Scotland, Scranton Fringe champions bold and innovative work across genres, platforms, and perspectives. Now celebrating its 11th year, the Festival has become a cornerstone of the region's cultural landscape, welcoming artists and audiences from near and far to experience original theatre, live music, film screenings, comedy, storytelling, and more in both traditional and unconventional spaces.

"This year's festival promises to build upon the larger audiences we saw in 2024 while increasing the size and scope of available programming," said co-founder and executive director Conor Kelly O'Brien. "We're beyond thrilled to welcome both local artists and artists from around the United States to Scranton for two weeks of bold and engaging artistic expression."

The Festival will kick off on Thursday, September 25, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Marywood University with a Launch Party, featuring live preview performances, food, art vendors, and a 3D projection light show. The Festival Launch Party is free and open to the public. Encore performances of the 3D light show run on Friday, September 26th at 7:45 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

Venues for the 2025 Festival include The Ritz Theater, the Lackawanna County Children's Library, Marywood University, AFA Gallery, the Shakes Space, Black & Brass Coffee, The Workshop, Electric City Improv, the Electric City Trolley Museum, V Spot, Friendly Alien Bookstore, 518 Lackawanna Avenue, the Chris Doherty Pocket Park, and the Greenhouse Project.

Tickets for all performances, including VIP passes to access all of the Festival's events, are on sale now and can be purchased at <u>scrantonfringe.org</u>. Tickets will also be made available at the door of each event. A digital programming guide is also available at <u>scrantonfringe.org</u> and includes a detailed schedule of all events throughout the festival, including free community events, family programs, and more.

About Scranton Fringe Festival

Founded in 2015, the Scranton Fringe Festival is an award-winning arts organization dedicated to creating a bold and engaging platform for thought-provoking art. With a commitment to minimal risk for artists and audiences alike, the festival has become a cornerstone of Scranton's cultural landscape, showcasing innovative works across various disciplines in venues that range from storefronts to cafes to large theaters. Learn more at scrantonfringe.org.

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