



FringeMTL 2026

1 June 2026 - 21 June 2026

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Les inscriptions sont ouvertent entre le vendredi 15 août à 18 h (HNE) et le vendredi 21 novembre à 18 h (HNE).

La 36e édition du Festival Fringe de Montréal se déroulera du 1er au 21 juin 2026. À chaque année, un nombre record de spectateur.trice.s se déplacent dans plus de 10 salles dans le coeur le l'éclatant Plateau Mont-Royal.

Avec une sélection de plus de 600 spectacles par 500 artistes l'an dernier, nous planifions accueillir 100 à 110 compagnies grâce au tirage au sort et à la programmation OFF (apportez-votre-salle). Le FringeMTL offre une programmation pluridisciplinaire, diversifiée et bilingue aux audiences montréalaises.

Un montant record de plus de 170 000 \$ a été remis aux artistes de la programmation en 2025!

Inscrivez vous ici pour participer au spécial lève-tôt et au tirage au sort du FringeMTL 2026!

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Applications accepted between Friday, August 15, 2026 at 6pm EST and Friday, November 21, 2026 at 6pm EST.

The 36th edition of the Montreal Fringe Festival will take place from **June 1 to 21, 2026**. Each year, a record number of spectators flock to more than 10 venues in the heart of the vibrant Plateau Mont-Royal.

With over 600 performances by 500 artists last year, we're planning to welcome 100 to 110 companies through the lottery and OFF programming (bring-your-own-venue). FringeMTL offers a multidisciplinary, diverse, and bilingual programming for Montreal audiences.

A record-breaking amount of over \$170,000 was paid out to participating artists in 2025!

Sign up here to take part in the Early Bird special and the FringeMTL 2026 lottery!

Festival Fringe de Montréal 2026 - 36e édition

\*Spécial lève-tôt: Disponible le vendredi 15 août, 18 h (HNE).

Date limite d'inscription : Vendredi, le 21 novembre, 18 h (HNE).

Date du tirage au sort : Dimanche, le 23 novembre à 17 h (HNE).

- Programmation par tirage au sort: première compagnie pigée, première compagnie acceptée et spécial lève-tôt (voir plus bas pour les détails).
- Sans sélection: vous avez la liberté artistique de présenter le spectacle que vous souhaitez.
- 100% des recettes de billetterie sont versées aux artistes.
- Le prix des billets est de 15\$ et moins: abordable pour le public.
- Nous mettons de l'avant l'inclusion, la diversité et le multiculturalisme, sur nos scènes et à tous les niveaux de no



THÉÂTRE, DANSE, MUSIQUE, COMÉDIE, CIRQUE, MARIONNETTES, IMPRO, MAGIE, CABARET, SKETCH, DRAG, MOLIÈRE, CLOWN, THÉÂTRE PHYSIQUE, THÉÂTRE D’OBJETS, POÉSIE, COMÉDIE MUSICALE, BURLESQUE, DRAME, OPÉRA, OPÉRA-ROCK, OPÉRETTE, CONTE, CONTORSION, ATELIERS, HISTOIRES VRAIES, BILINGUISME, PERFORMANCES, et PLUS!

Questions ? Contactez-nous à [artistes@montrealfringe.ca](mailto:artistes@montrealfringe.ca).

\***Spécial lève-tôt**: Rendez-vous à [montrealfringe.ca](http://montrealfringe.ca) le **15 août** lors de l'ouverture des inscriptions dès 18 h de l'Est. Nous accepterons automatiquement les **DIX** premières inscriptions dans les deux catégories locales et les **QUATRE** premières applications dans les catégories Canada et International. Si vous faites partie de ces premières compagnies, l’entièreté des frais de festival doivent être payés dans les 24 h suivantes afin de confirmer votre participation. Si votre compagnie n’est pas parmi celles sélectionnées pour le spécial lève-tôt, votre inscription sera incluse dans le tirage au sort de novembre.

Montreal Fringe Festival 2026 - 36th edition

To participate in the early bird\*: Available as of Friday, August 15 at 6pm EST.

Deadline to Apply: Friday, November 21 at 6pm EST

Lottery Party: Sunday, November 23 at 5pm EST

- Artist picked by lottery: first company picked, first company accepted and Early Bird (see below for more details)
- Non-curated: Artistic freedom to present the show you want.
- You keep 100% of the ticketed price of your show.
- Tickets are \$15 or less, making them affordable for patrons.
- We promote and model inclusivity, diversity and multiculturalism.

THEATRE, DANCE, POETRY, PERFORMANCE ART, PUPPETRY, IMPROV, MAGIC, COMEDY, CABARET, CIRCUS, SKETCH, DRAG, SHAKESPEARE, CLOWNING, STAND UP, SPOKEN WORD, MUSICAL THEATRE, BURLESQUE, DRAMA, OPERA, ROCK OPERA, STORYTELLING, WORK-SHOPPING, TRUE STORIES, NEW WORK, OLD WORK, BILINGUAL WORK, MUSIC & MORE!

Questions? Contact us at [artistes@montrealfringe.ca](mailto:artistes@montrealfringe.ca).

\***Early Bird**: Visit [montrealfringe.ca](http://montrealfringe.ca) on **August 15** when applications go live at 6pm EST. We automatically accept the first **TEN** companies in both local categories and the first **FOUR** in the Canadian and International categories. If successful, you will be expected to pay the full Festival Fee within 24 hours to be accepted. If you are not among the companies selected in the EARLY BIRD, your application will carry over automatically to the Lottery.

Event: Example - Early Bird FringeMTL 2026

Langue / Language

Langue du formulaire d'inscription / Application Form Language 

English

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Remplirez-vous votre formulaire en français ou en anglais?

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Will you fill out the form in French or in English?

Détails de l'inscription

Application Details

What services are included when you win a spot from the FringeMTL Lottery.

- Performances: 6 or 7 performances from June 10-21, 2026 (depending on your venue size).
- Festival Venue: A shared venue with audience seating (capacity between 40-100), a basic lighting plot and technician. Please note, not all venues have full dressing rooms and storage capacity. Your venue will be assigned to you based on your technical requirements. Fringe shows are typically low tech due to the nature of the festival.
- Box office services: Advance sales and front-of-house box office services for your shows.
- Marketing Support: Promotion of the Festival as a whole.
- Training and Workshops: Invitation to attend workshops on topics such as marketing, self-producing and more!
- Industry Access: Your company/show can qualify for the Frankie Awards Program, with a value of over \$20,000 in prizes.

**What you do**

- You pay a Festival Fee based on the length of your show (30 mins to 90 mins).
- You meet the Festival deadlines, such as tech info deadline, program deadline, press release deadline.
- You send us your technical information, so we can allocate an appropriate venue based on technical needs.
- You create your show and rehearse with your cast and crew.
- You are responsible for publicity for your show (we offer tools to help).
- You choose your own ticket prices (up to a maximum of \$15) and keep 100% of that (we add service charges and taxes).

**Technical Information**

The beauty of the Fringe is that it gives opportunities to many artists to perform a variety of eclectic and incredible pieces. Because of this, venues are shared between an average of 10 companies, with a quick turnover between performances. Another unique aspect of Fringe shows and artists is their adaptability - being able to up a show in different places, with varying technical possibilities.

FringeMTL venues have a basic set up with a general lighting plot and sound system. Depending on the venue you are assigned, you may have access to one special light or one light request (pending approval from technical director). Due to the quick turnover between companies in the venues, you need to be able to set up your show in 15 minutes, and strike in 15 minutes as well. These limitations mean we don't recommend using projection and complicated sets. If you have a total of more than 40 cues, you may be required to provide your own stage manager. There will be a 3-hour technical rehearsal before your opening, where you will get to visit the space for the first time and meet your venue technician.

The Festival **DOES NOT** provide projectors, screens, amps, DI boxes, etc. We do not allow human rigging, realistic fire arms, animals, haze, smoking or open flame of any kind.

**Performance Schedule**

The Festival highly recommends that you ensure your company's members are available for performances between **June 10 and 21, 2026**. If you are unavailable for some festival dates, it will be difficult for the team to schedule your performances and it may result in fewer than six performances at the Festival. It is possible that you plan to apply for and are accepted into the Ottawa Fringe Festival. If this is the case, we have plans in place to ensure for smooth festival scheduling. Once finalized, you **MAY NOT CANCEL** any festival performances. This will result in the Festival cancelling your entire run and you will not be eligible for a refund.

**Eligibility**

Anyone and everyone can apply to be part of FringeMTL, but:

- To ensure equitable access to the Festival, FringeMTL will only accept one show per company and contact person. If you send more than one application, only one will be accepted.
- You **may not change** the name of your company after we receive the application form. It is strictly forbidden to sell or give away your slot to another company.
- Please note that FringeMTL does not accept co-productions, i.e, FringeMTL's contract is with you, the Contact Person, not multiple members of your company/production.
- There can only **be one** Contact Person/Applicant per company.



**By ticking the box, I confirm that I have read and agreed to the terms of this section.**

Tick the box to continue.

**How the Lottery Works**

Applications to the Lottery are accepted from **Friday, August 15 at 6pm EST\*** to **Friday, November 21 at 6pm EST**. Programming is selected by lottery. We conduct four separate lotteries with the following quotas: Quebec English (40%), Quebec French (40%), Canada (10%) (outside Quebec) and International (10%) companies.

Please select the category that corresponds to your home address. For Quebec companies, the category is determined by the language used in your show. Alternatively, if your show is non-verbal, bilingual, a language other than French or English or non-

language specific, select the category that corresponds to your preferred means of communication.

We will confirm you are in the right category based on the address you provide. The Lottery determines the participating companies and the order of the four waitlists.

**\*Early Bird:**

Applications will go live on August 15 at 6pm EST. We automatically accept the first TEN companies in both local categories and the first FOUR in the Canadian and International categories. If successful, you will be expected to pay the full Festival Fee within 24 hours to be accepted. If you are not among the companies selected in the Early Bird, your application will carry over automatically to the Lottery.

**Lottery Party and You’re Invited!**

Join us **Sunday, November 23 at 5pm EST**, in a Montreal location to be determined!

The event will be live streamed at [www.facebook.com/FRINGEmtl](http://www.facebook.com/FRINGEmtl).

**Finding Out Your Results**

Whether you tune into the live stream or come to the Lottery Party on November 23 or not, you will receive an email from [artistes@montrealfringe.ca](mailto:artistes@montrealfringe.ca) that evening confirming your slot in the Festival or your spot on the Waitlist.

If your name was drawn, you will receive a information for e-transfer or a PayPal invoice for your Festival Fee, according to your selected time slot. This fee must be paid within 48 hours to secure your spot.

If you are accepted in the **Early Bird**, you will receive an email shortly with payment options.

**Waitlist**

If you wind up on the Waitlist, don't despair. On the night of the Lottery, we accept only the minimum number of companies that we know we can program. Once we start making the schedule, we can usually fit in a few more. Companies also inevitably drop out, which creates movement on the waitlists.



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**Fees**

Our fees are made up of the Lottery Fee and the Festival Fee. Once this form is filled out, you will be prompted to pay for the Lottery Fee.

If payment is not completed before the application deadline, your application will be cancelled.

If you require any assistance or need to discuss alternative offline payment methods, please contact [artistes@montrealfringe.ca](mailto:artistes@montrealfringe.ca).

You will not have to pay the full Festival Fee until your company is selected in the Early Bird or the Lottery.

**Lottery Fee**

This fee is non-refundable and is required in order to complete your application. You can only apply with one Lottery Fee, multiple Lottery Fees will be refunded. We are offering a pick-your-price for the Lottery Fee:

- Option 1. \$30 + \$1.50 (GST 5%) + \$2.99 (QST 9.975%) = **\$34.49**
- Option 2. \$40 + \$2.00 (GST 5%) + \$3.99 (QST 9.975%) = **\$45.99**
- Option 3. \$50 + \$2.50 (GST 5%) + \$4.99 (QST 9.975%) = **\$57.59**

Festival Fee

This fee is based on the length of your show. The maximum running time is 90 minutes. Please round your performance up to the nearest 15 minutes (e.g. if your show runs 50 minutes, you'll need a 60 minute time slot). We don't expect you to have this exact information this far in advance, however, estimate high rather than low. It is **IMPOSSIBLE** to buy more time later, but we will refund the difference if you choose to reduce your time slot. If your running time changes, please contact us IMMEDIATELY. The deadline to request a refund for reductions to your time slot is **Friday, January 9, 2026**. Please note that it is no longer possible to purchase extra time.

If your company gets selected for the **Early Bird**, you will be expected to pay the full Festival Fee within **24 hours** to be accepted. If you are not among the companies selected in the Early Bird, your application will carry over automatically to the Lottery.

If your company gets selected for the **Lottery**, this fee is charged after your company is accepted into the Festival. We will send you an invoice, to be paid in the subsequent **48 hours** following the Lottery. Companies on the Waitlist will only be charged after they accept an available slot in the Festival.

The fees are as follows:

- 30 minute show – \$560 + \$28.00 (GST 5%) + \$55.86 (QST 9.975%) = **\$643.86**
- 45 minute show – \$610 + \$30.50 (GST 5%) + \$60.85 (QST 9.975%) = **\$701.35**
- 60 minute show – \$660 + \$33.00 (GST 5%) + \$65.84 (QST 9.975%) = **\$758.84**
- 75 minute show – \$710 + \$35.50 (GST 5%) + \$70.82 (QST 9.975%) = **\$816.32**
- 90 minute show – \$760 + \$38.00 (GST 5%) + \$75.81 (QST 9.975%) = **\$873.81**

Refunds

- If you're accepted and withdraw by **Friday, January 9, 2026**, you get your money back (minus the non-refundable Lottery Fee)
- If you're accepted and withdraw after **Friday, January 9, 2026**, the entire fee is non-refundable.
- If you're accepted and want to reduce your time slot, the deadline for a time refund is **Friday, January 9, 2026**.
- If you're on the Waitlist, you can withdraw at any time, but the Lottery Fee is non-refundable.



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Tick the box on the left to continue.

Applications

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Nom de l'applicant.e / Applicant's name

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Une seule inscription par applicant.e et/ou compagnie sera acceptée.

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Only one application per applicant and/or company will be accepted.

Main Admin Contact

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Votre nom légal\* Représentant.e de la compagnie (personne-contact).

Utilisé pour les signatures, détails bancaires, etc.

*\*Votre nom légal ne sera pas partagé et le nom que vous avez écrit à la question précédente sera utilisé.*

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**Legal name\*** Company representative (contact person).

Used for signatures, banking details, etc.

*\*Your legal name will not be shared. The name writted on the previous question will be used.*

Catégorie

Catégorie / Category

Application From

Company Name

You do not have to have a legally registered company to be in FringeMTL, but we do need to call you something. Please choose your company name carefully. It cannot be changed under **ANY** circumstances.

Company from (City, Country)

Title of Show (optional, not final)

Street Address

Civic number, street.

Appartement Number

City

Province / State

Country

Postal Code / ZIP

Phone number #1

Phone number #2

Email

Name of your Emergency Contact

For medical emergencies.

Relationship with your Emergency Contact

Phone Number of your Emergency Contact

Website

How did you hear about the FringeMTL Lottery?

Do you plan to apply to the Ottawa Fringe Festival?

In what language is your show?

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Tick the box on the left to continue.

Show Duration & Festival Fee

If your company is selected, you will be expected to pay a Festival Fee to accept your slot in the Festival. The total fee is determined by your show duration. At that time, you will have the opportunity to modify your choice before completing payment. You do not have to pay the Festival Fee to maintain your priority on the Waitlist. Return the section above for more information about Fees and Refunds.

Please indicate your estimated show duration, rounded up to the closest 15-minute unit. (To be paid later, only if selected.)

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Estimated Show Duration

Conditions

On behalf of my performing company, I acknowledge that:

- Once my application is accepted and my Festival Fee is paid, I will be permitted to perform in the 2026 FringeMTL ("The Festival"); I will have the right to a theatre space, technical equipment, a professional technician, box office services, and general festival publicity without any further charges;
- After January 9, 2026, my Festival Fee is not refundable for any reason;
- It is my responsibility to secure all rights and pay all relevant royalties and taxes for my production; and to provide proof of such on demand by the Festival;
- It is my responsibility to obtain, if necessary, permission to perform from any professional associations to which my artists belong;
- It is my responsibility to obtain all necessary work permits, visas, tax waivers, etc. for my company and each of its individual members;
- It is my responsibility to read and abide by the Festival Anti-Harassment Policy and Code of Conduct. I agree to share the policies with my company members.
- I agree to adhere to the laws of Canada and Quebec, the by-laws of the City of Montreal, and the policies and procedures of the Festival.
- I agree that at no time may any member of my company behave in a verbally or physically abusive or threatening manner toward staff, volunteers or patrons of the festival or its venues.

The Festival reserves the right to cancel any or all performances of any performing company not adhering to this agreement. If your company is accepted into the Festival, this application will be considered a signed agreement between you and the Festival.



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Lottery Fee: Pick-your-price

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Formulaire d'inscription

Payment: \$34.49

Once your application and payment are both received, this message will appear on your page, confirming we have received your application.

**Félicitations! / Congratulations!**

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Votre formulaire d'inscription a bien été reçu. Nous vous contacterons sous peu si votre compagnie a gagnée une place dans le **spécial lève-tôt**. Dans le cas échéant, vous aurez 24 h pour payer les frais de festival pour confirmer votre participation.

Si votre compagnie n'a pas été sélectionnée, votre inscription sera incluse dans le tirage au sort en novembre.

Merci!

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Your application form has been received. We will contact you shortly if your company has been accepted in the **Early Bird**. If you, you will be expected to pay the full Festival Fee withing 24 hours to secure your spot.

If you are not among the companies selected in the Early Bird, your application will carry over automatically to the Lottery.

Thanks!