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## **Minnesota Fringe reports attendance of 47,882 for 2016 festival**

**MINNEAPOLIS** – Minnesota Fringe released the final numbers from its 23rd annual festival Monday afternoon. Over its 11-day run, the performance festival saw attendance of 47,882 at 869 performances of 168 shows, a record for a year in which the Fringe is up against the Olympics. In 2015 festival attendance was 50,338 for 909 performances of 174 shows. Top-10 lists and sell-out shows are listed below.

Executive Director Jeff D. Larson commented, “We undertook an enormous thing this year,” referring to the festival’s move away from single tickets to day passes. “This year marked a shift in audience behavior. With day passes we saw audiences taking more chances and being more adventurous, which is better for artists and better for the Fringe’s mission.”

Larson added, “As always, I’m blown away by the way this community shows up to support new and exciting work.”

The festival pays 70% of box office revenue back to participating artists. In 2015 box office revenue was \$411,799, with \$285,770 paid out directly to artists.

### **Top 10 Shows by Overall Ticket Sales**

1. “Bezubaan: The Voiceless” presented by Bollywood Dance Scene
2. “Ball: A Musical Tribute To My Lost Testicle” presented by The Catalysts
3. “Sometimes There’s Wine” presented by Shanan Custer & Carolyn Pool
4. “Gilligan: A Tropical Musical” presented by Literally Entertainment Productions
5. “In The Time of Spies” presented by Ferrari McSpeedy Theatrical Productions
6. “Fruit Flies Like a Banana: Alphabetical Disorder” presented by The Fourth Wall
7. “Apple Picking” presented by Ben San Del Presents
8. “Couple Fight II: Friends and Family” presented by Weggel-Reed Productions
9. “NOW OR LATER” presented by NEW EPIC THEATER
10. “Caucasian Aggressive Pandas and Other Mulatto Tales” presented by Fearless Comedy Productions

## Top 10 Shows by Percent Capacity

1. "Bezubaan: The Voiceless" presented by Bollywood Dance Scene
2. "Twice" presented by Its Time Productions
3. "You Suck." presented by Tinker-2-Evers-2-Chance
4. "Ball: A Musical Tribute To My Lost Testicle" presented by The Catalysts
5. "H.P. Lovecraft's The Rats in the Walls" presented by Ghoulish Delights
6. "Suite Surrender" presented by PZ Productions
7. "Happenstanced" presented by Pipermonkey
8. "Wolf Tales" presented by DanceCo
9. "Ray Bradbury's Kaleidoscope" presented by Wayward Theatre Company
10. "Bird of Seven Colors" presented by Erin Sheppard Presents

## Sell-out Shows

- "AfterLife" presented by SunsetGun Productions  
"Airbags" presented by Rebecca Sandell (3 performances)  
"Assemblé" presented by Minneapolis Ballet Dancers (2 performances)  
"Ball: A Musical Tribute To My Lost Testicle" presented by The Catalysts (4 performances)  
"Bezubaan: The Voiceless" presented by Bollywood Dance Scene (4 performances)  
"Bird of Seven Colors" presented by Erin Sheppard Presents (3 performances)  
"Broken English, Mother Tongue" presented by minnerican productions (3 performances)  
"Circus McGurkus" presented by Mike's Brass  
"Evil Twin" presented by Ilana Kapra Presents  
"Full Heart Living LIVE! The Boot Camp Experience" presented by Cosmos Theater  
"Gilligan: A Tropical Musical" presented by Literally Entertainment Productions (5 performances)  
"Good Friday With Dillinger" presented by LookBack Productions (2 performances)  
"H.P. Lovecraft's The Rats in the Walls" presented by Ghoulish Delights (7 performances)  
"Happenstanced" presented Pipermonkey (5 performances)  
"It is so ordered: The Supreme Court's Greatest Hits" presented by American Civic Forum (3 performances)  
"NOW OR LATER" presented by NEW EPIC THEATER  
"Penelope" presented by Savage Umbrella  
"Pluck, Cluck, and Dumb Luck" presented by Tall Tales Productions (3 performances)  
"Ray Bradbury's Kaleidoscope" presented by Wayward Theatre Company (2 performances)  
"RUNE" presented by Vox Medusa  
"Snow Country" presented by Minnehaha Productions  
"Sometimes There's Wine" presented by Shanan Custer & Carolyn Pool  
"Suite Surrender" presented by PZ Productions (3 performances)  
"There's No Coffee in Heaven" presented by Jayme Allen  
"Twice" presented by Its Time Productions (6 performances)  
"Wolf Tales" presented by DanceCo (3 performances)  
"You Suck." presented by Tinker-2-Evers-2-Chance (4 performances)

The 24th annual Minnesota Fringe will be held Aug. 3-13, 2017.

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