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WELCOME TO THE FRINGE,

where life is lived on the edge of convention and creativity reigns! For three exhilarating days, you'll have access to more than 30 live theatre experiences that will push the boundaries of your imagination. If this is your first time at the festival, we encourage you to buy a four-pack or eight-pack of Binge on Fringe tickets or an All-Access Fringe Pass. Stack up the shows and stroll from venue to venue under the warm sunshine, taking in as much as you can. And don't forget to check out the free work outside on US Bank Plaza and throughout the Festival, identified by the **FREE** stamp in this guide. With 15 stages spread throughout the Playhouse Square neighborhood, you'll likely discover new spaces that you've never seen before.

We owe a deep debt of gratitude to the artists, whose boundless creative energy fuels the festival's beating heart. Without them, there would be no BorderLight. And we're equally thankful to our supporters: the foundations, sponsors, and individual donors who make it all possible. The George Gund Foundation has been an invaluable partner to BorderLight, and the John P. Murphy and Kulas Foundations have helped us evolve into an annual operation that delivers even more to the community. We're also grateful to the Paul M. Angell Family Foundation and Cuyahoga Arts and Culture, whose support is critical to the success of the 2023 Fringe Festival. Finally, we'd like to express our appreciation to Cleveland State University, whose sponsorship of our stages at the Middough Building on 13th Street has been a tremendous asset.

None of this would be possible without the guidance of our board, led by the remarkable Jon Bloomberg. This group of civic leaders has steered us safely through a few challenging years and into a more sustainable future. We hope that the Fringe helps you reconnect with the joys of live interaction. Thank you for joining us on this incredible journey.

-Dale Heinen & BorderLight Staff

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TO PRESENT INNOVATIVE THEATRE THAT INSPIRES, BUILDS CROSS-CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING AND CELEBRATES THE DIVERSITY OF THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE.



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TICKETS + BOX OFFICE

HOW TO:



in advance ONLINE

Explore this season's shows and purchase tickets or passes in advance by visiting our

website, **www.borderlightcle.org**. After your purchase, you will receive an email confirmation with electronic ticket(s). These tickets can be presented at the door: via a phone, or by printing the email. Free shows do not require a ticket or a reservation.

Tickets for BorderLight performances at **Playhouse Square's Kennedy's Theatre** may be purchased by:

- www.playhousesquare.org
- Calling their box office (216) 241-6000
- Visiting their box office, one hour before show time

VIA PHONE

Box Office support will be available July 1 – August 5, 2023, from 8AM–6PM by calling **216-356-6485**.

In person AT BORDERLIGHT BOX OFFICES

From **AUGUST 2 – AUGUST 5,** tickets for festival shows can be purchased at our

MAIN BOX OFFICE @ Gund Dance Studio 1375 Euclid Ave.

Wednesday 8/2 2PM-7:00PM Thursday 8/3 2PM-8:30PM Friday 8/4 2PM-10:30PM Saturday 8/5 11AM-10:30PM

The following venues will also sell tickets 1 hour prior to show time.

- CIBRÈO PRIVATO 1501 E 14th St.
- HERMIT CLUB 1629 Dodge Ct.
- MIDDOUGH/ CSU 1901 E 13th St
- US BANK PLAZA 1350 Euclid Ave.

Tickets for performances in the Wizbang Tent are available at the door one hour before show time. Cash payments not available at the Wizbang Tent.

PRICING

CONCESSION

On a budget? This is the perfect option for you. You don't need to be a student, under 18, or over 65 to book at this rate.

\$15

STANDARD

Our recommended tier! Purchase a Standard ticket to help support the artists who perform on our stages.



PAY-IT-FORWARD

If you're in a position to give a little more, pick this option to help subsidize Concession tickets and ensure that more people can experience live theatre.

"BINGE ON FRINGE" PACKAGES

\$55 4-pack \$100 8-pack \$200 All-Access pass

FREE

Look for this icon in show listings!

The BorderLight Fringe Festival includes a number of free, all-ages performances and special events.



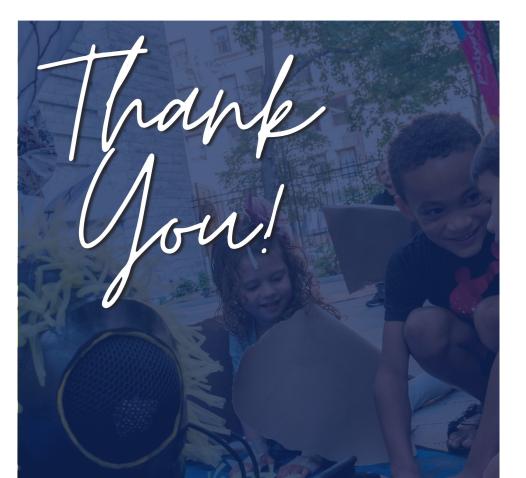
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To reach the BorderLight Festival Box Office call 216-356-6485 and leave a message, or email **boxoffice@borderlightcle.org**.





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WHAT IS FRINGE?

Fringe performances are self-produced theatrical productions by emerging artists. Fringe Festivals bring these performances together to offer a wide spectrum of genres and shows for all interests. There are now hundreds of Fringe Festivals worldwide.

BorderLight 2019 and 2022: International Theatre + Fringe

At our first two in-person festivals, we presented Cleveland's first Fringe Festival, featuring half local and half national artists. In addition to the Fringe, we presented work by well-known international theatre artists from South Africa, Syria, Mexico, South Korea, Ireland, Israel, Germany, Canada, Puerto Rico, Australia and more!

BorderLight 2023: Fringe only

We are now an annual festival, offering Fringe-only one year, and International AND Fringe the following year! The 2023 BorderLight Fringe Festival will include 107+ Local and National Performances, 6 Venues, and 15 Stages. In alternating years, we will also present international theatre, so join us in 2024 for the International Theatre + Fringe Festival!



BorderLight Fringe activities will take place in the Playhouse Square neighborhood. We recommend the following methods of getting to Downtown Cleveland:









CIBRÈO PRIVATO

ADDRESS: 1501 E 14th St, Cleveland, OH 44115

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MIDDOUGH BUILDING @CSU

ADDRESS: 1901 E. 13th Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44115

STAGES: Black Box Theatre (521), Allen Rehearsal Hall (505), Helen Rehearsal Hall (504), Silver Library (203F)



HERMIT CLUB

ADDRESS: 1629 Dodge Ct, Cleveland, OH 44114

STAGES: Grille, Patio, Hall



IDEA CENTER @PHS

ADDRESS: Playhouse Square, 1375 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, OH 44115 STAGES: Elevator, Miller Classroom

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KENNEDY'S THEATRE @PHS

ADDRESS: Playhouse Square, 1501 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, OH 44115



WIZBANG TENT @US BANK PLAZA

ADDRESS: 1350 Euclid Ave. Cleveland, OH 44114



US BANK PLAZA @PHS

ADDRESS: Playhouse Square, 1350 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, OH 44115





PARNELL'S IRISH PUB

ADDRESS: 1415 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, OH 44115 STAGES: Lounge, Snug

MAIN BOX OFFICE GUND DANCE STUDIO

ADDRESS: Idea Center @ PHS, 1375 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, OH 44115



















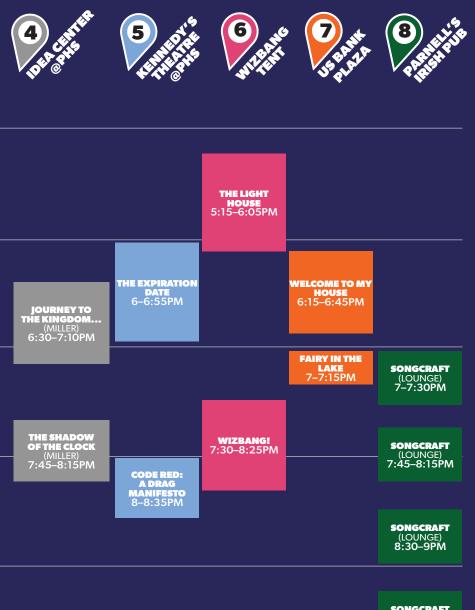


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SONGCRAFT (LOUNGE) 9:15–9:45PM



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STEP NINE (SNUG) 10:30–11PM





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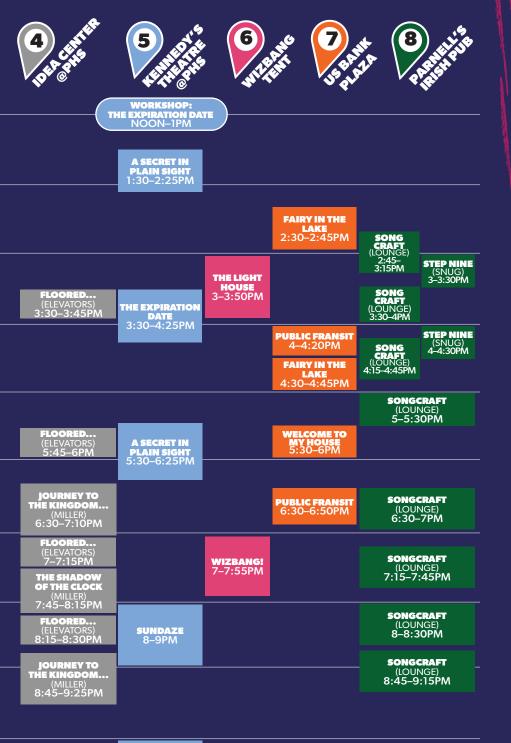
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MIDDOUGH @ CSU (ALLEN REHEARSAL HALL)

CLEVELAND PUBLIC THEATRE'S STEP



cleveland PUBLIC theatre

CREATED BY Melissa Crum and the STEP 2023 Performance Ensemble RUN TIME 60

CPT's Student Theatre Enrichment Program (STEP) is a rigorous arts-based program that provides hands-on job training, engaging youth from Cleveland families in a powerful learning experience that develops job skills, academic achievement, and interpersonal skills.

GENRE Play (Scripted) • RECOMMENDED All Ages • TICKETS FREE

MIDDOUGH @ CSU (BLACK BOX THEATRE)

DONCAN'S EXECUTION: A SCENE FROM TROPICO MACBETH BY JOHN RIVERA-RESTO LATINUS THEATER COMPANY

SHOWS Fri 8/4@9PM • Sat 8/5@2:45PM, 5:15PM

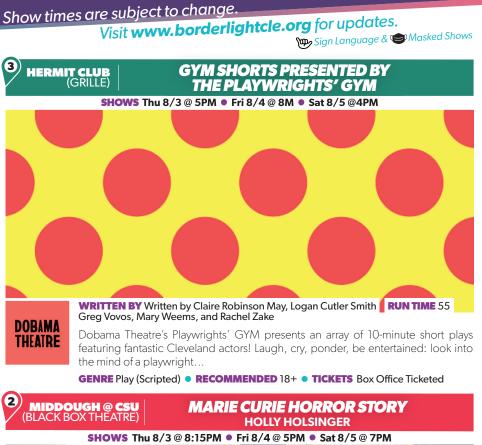


LatinUs Theater Co **CREATOR/PLAYWRIGHT** John Rivera-Resto

Tropic Macbeth is an original story based on 'The tragedy of Macbeth' by William Shakespeare. Although the basic plot remains close to the original - a tragedy of murder and political ambition, this adaptation, set in the 1935 Caribbean, has a Different story and new characters. Spanish with English Subtitles. This is a work-in-progress performance. Please stay after for talk-back with the cast. CONTENT WARNING: Murdering scene with blood and gore.

GENRE Performance Art, Play (Scripted) • RECOMMENDED 18+ • TICKETS Box Office Ticketed









CREATOR/PLAYWRIGHT Holly Holsinger RUN TIME 45

This Marie Curie mystery unfolds as the famous scientist finds herself in an unknown place, confronted by a mysterious woman. As Marie reflects on the triumphs and tragedies of her life, she slowly comes face to face with

the chilling realities of her radioactive discovery. **CONTENT WARNING:** Gruesome language. **GENRE Play (Scripted) • RECOMMENDED** 14+ • **TICKETS Box Office Ticketed**



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US BANK PLAZA @ PLAYHOUSE SQUARE

PUBLIC FRANSIT THE FRANS

SHOWS Fri 8/4 @ 5PM • Sat 8/5 @ 4PM, 6:30PM





WRITTEN BY Hope Wondowsky, Music by The Frans RUN TIME 20

A short play about the history of public transportation, including music by The Frans, a public transit themed rock band.

GENRE Play (Scripted), Musical/Opera • RECOMMENDED All Ages



SNOWFLAKES ON THE PATIO SNOWFLAKE COMEDY CLUB

SHOWS Thu 8/3 @ 7PM • *Fri 8/4 @ 9:15PM • Sat 8/5 @ 7:30PM





PRODUCED BY Leah Addison RUN TIME 60

Join Northeast Ohio's best comedians as they bring laughs to the Hermit Club Patio. Snowflake's top comics are bringing fresh, fun, and inclusive material for this very special event!

GENRE Stand-up Comedy • **RECOMMENDED** 18+ • **TICKETS** Box Office Ticketed *Sign Language Performance



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A SECRET IN PLAIN SIGHT KEVIN GLADISH RUN TIME 55

What happens when you discover a family secret that completely alters who you thought you were? This one-hour solo show follows one man's journey into the past as he discovers his true identity and grapples with what is true, what is false, and how much any of us can ever know.

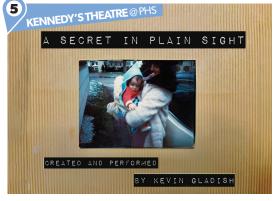
SHOWS Fri 8/4 @ 5:30PM • Sat 8/5 @ 1:30PM, *5:30PM • GENRE Storytelling

Performance, Spoken Word • **RECOMMENDED** 18+ • **TICKETS** Purchase through Playhouse Square *Sign language performance

BUTT WHY?? AN ASS-ININE SHOW ABOUT OUR CUSHIEST ASSET IULIA DEGRUCHY

CREATED BY Julia deGruchy **RUN TIME** 60

You know you wanna see a show that slaps because it's so cheeky. BUTT WHY? Because you want to hear the backstory of your cushiest asset. Get a little wiggle and giggle watching comedy, storytelling, acrobatics & burlesque come together to talk about our Booty-ful Bums. All performances masked. CONTENT WARNING: Partial Nudity



SHOWS Thu 8/3 @ 5:30PM • Fri 8/04 @ 9:45PM • Sat 8/5 @ 2:30PM GENRES Burlesque, Cabaret, Circus • RECOMMENDED 18+ • TICKETS Box Office Ticketed

CODE RED: A DRAG MANIFESTO PAUL O. MIMS

PERFORMED & WRITTEN BY Paul O. Mims RUN TIME 35

Inspired by Willa Cather's "Paul's Case," a New York City drag queen retells the story of her journey from the mundane Midwest to NYC, while tackling childhood trauma. This oneperson show combines elements of theatre, drag, cabaret, and storytelling. **CONTENT WARNING:** This show discuss sensitive topics including suicide and mental health.

SHOWS Thu 8/3 @ 8PM • Fri 8/4 @ 9:15PM • Sat 8/5 @ 10PM • GENRE Cabaret, Play (Scripted), One-Person Show RECOMMENDED 14+ • TICKETS Purchase through Playhouse Square







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DEAR CLEVELAND: THE POLYPHONIC SOLILOQUIES JOSIAH BRITT

PLAYWRIGHT/CREATOR Josiah Britt RUN TIME 25

Cleveland's history, quarks/quirks, and hometown pride collide with classical music to create a one-of-a-kind, poetic experience.

SHOWS Thu 8/3 @ 6PM • Fri 8/4 @ 7:30PM • Sat 8/5 @ 6:30PM GENRE Musical/Opera, One-Person Show, Performance Art RECOMMENDED All Ages TICKETS FREE



DREAMSCAPE THE COLLECTED FEW DANCE PROJECT

CREATED BY Brittany Hudson Trent and Jaasiel Wilson **RUN TIME** 40

Dreamscape is a piece questioning where our mind, body and soul go when we are asleep. What happens when we dream? Some say our dreams are a way to release the stresses of our day. Some say what we experience is real, some say they serve no purpose at all. The question remains, do our dreams matter?



SHOWS Fri 8/4 @ 8:30PM • Sat 8/5 @ 3PM, 7:30PM • GENRE Dance, Dance Theatre **RECOMMENDED** All Ages • **TICKETS** Box Office Ticketed



FAIRY IN THE LAKE SOUND BODY PRODUCTIONS

CREATED BY Obediya Jones-Darrell RUN TIME 15

A short opera with music performed by the Czech National Symphony Orchestra about the life journey of a young man from Brazil. He overcomes adversity, and dares to chase the fairy in the lake, who is performed by an aerial circus performer.

SHOWS Thu 8/3 @ 7PM • Fri 8/4 @ 5:30PM • Sat 8/5 @ 2:30PM, 4:30PM GENRE Circus, Musical/Opera RECOMMENDED All Ages TICKETS FREE



FILM IS AN ARGUMENT ROGER THAT PRODUCTIONS

CREATED BY Lara Johnson **RUN TIME** 60

Lecturer Lara Johnson gives a talk on the techniques behind your favorite movies. Armed only with her Letterboxd, winding anecdotes, and a Vin Diesel-sized ego, you will learn how to better engage with cinema and why escapism is a crucial tool to survive modern-day life.

SHOWS Thu 8/3 @ 5:30PM • *Fri 8/4 @ 6:15PM • Sat 8/5 @ 8:15PM **GENRE** Immersive/Interactive, Multimedia, One-Person Show • **RECOMMENDED** 14+



One-Person Show • RECOMMENDED 14+ • TICKETS Box Office Ticketed (* Masked Performance

FLOORED AJAYI DANCE

CREATOR Concept and Choreography by Melissa Ajayi with contributions from the artists

RUN TIME 15

The elevator. A box of infinite possibilities. When the doors open, what prior intimacy are you interrupting? When the doors close, what adventure are you embarking on? What floor will you choose? Enjoy the ride...or take the stairs.

SHOWS Sat 8/5 @ 3:30PM, 5:45PM, 7PM, 8:15PM • GENRE Dance/Dance Theatre, Immersive/Interactive RECOMMENDED All Ages • TICKETS FREE







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HER MARK RENEE SCHILLING

RUN TIME 10-30 (experience at your own pace)

The archive is open and ready for you. Explore a family through their loves and losses. Birth, Life, Death, Repeat. This interactive visual and performance art work will engage all your senses to unravel some long forgotten and not yet written stories.

SHOWS Thu 8/3 @ 5:45PM, 6:15PM, 6:45PM, 7:15PM ● Fri 8/4 @ 6:45M, 7:15PM, 7:45PM, 8:15PM ● Sat 8/5 @ 4PM, 4:30PM, 5PM, 5:30PM GENRE Performance Art, Immersive/Interactive, Multimedia ● RECOMMENDED 18+ TICKETS FREE

I AM BUT A WHISPER JAILYN SHERELL HARRIS

CREATED AND DIRECTED BY Jailyn Sherell Harris RUN TIME 30

As dancers, our job is to interpret the music. As people we have so little control over how others interpret us. I AM BUT A WHISPER allows the audience to choose how the physical dance they see on stage is shaped by the personal playlist they select before each performance. Headphones provided, but limited. Audience is encouraged to bring their own headphones.



SHOWS Thu 8/3 @ 8PM • Fri 8/4 @ 7:30PM • Sat 8/5 @ 8:30PM GENRE Dance/Dance Theatre, Immersive/Interactive, Performance Art • RECOMMENDED All Ages TICKETS FREE





I KNOW IT WAS THE BLOOD: THE TOTALLY TRUE ADVENTURES OF A NEWFANGLED BLACK WOMAN LM MEDIA

WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY Tara Lake RUN TIME 80

In a song-rich tale of triumph tinged with heartache, a scrappy girl-child navigates a changing world and finds the courage to live life on her own terms – On this unforgettable sojourn embracing southern roots, gospel rhythms, and queer identity, one family's love conquers all!

SHOWS Thu 8/3@7:45PM • Fri 8/4@ 6:15PM • Sat 8/5@6:45PM

HERMIT CLUB (GRILLE)

GENRE One-Person Show, Play (Scripted), Musical/Opera • RECOMMENDED 14+ TICKETS Box Office Ticketed

I STUMBLED THROUGH A MAGIC PORTAL AND ALL I GOT WAS THIS DUMB T-SHIRT PARTY OF FIVE

CREATED BY Carrie Williams, Mike Frye, Sam Dee, and Travis Williams **RUN TIME** 50

Bring your imagination to this choose-yourown-adventure performance! Prepare to interact with wild and mysterious characters - some more helpful than others – all with their own agenda for the story. Anything can happen when mortal ideas meet magical hubris, and no two performances will be the same. *Audience Participation Required!*



SHOWS Thu 8/3 @ 6:15PM • *Fri 8/4 @ 8:30PM • Sat 8/5 @ 3:15PM • GENRE Improvisation, Performance Art, Immersive/Interactive • **RECOMMENDED** 18+ • **TICKETS** Box Office Ticketed *Masked Performance

HERMIT CLUB (GRILLE)

IT'S A LOT GOING ON FUDAIL GRIFFIN AKA INK

PLAYWRIGHT/CREATOR Fudail Griffin RUN TIME 45

This is a story of resilience through adversity told through poetry and song. The overarching theme is one's awareness of their mental health. It's a message of the many things that are behind the generic phrase It's A Lot Going On. CONTENT WARNING: Themes containing thoughts of suicide.

SHOWS Thu 8/3 @ 6:30PM • Fri 8/4

@ 9:30PM ● Sat 8/5 @ 5:30PM ● GENRE Performance Art, One-Person Show RECOMMENDED 14+ ● TICKETS Box Office Ticketed





Show times are subject to change. Visit **www.borderlightcle.org** for updates.

IT'S A MATCH! FRANK PERRI

CREATED BY Frank Perri RUN TIME 50

An improvised comedy show about navigating the world of online dating based on real online dating stories!

SHOWS Thu 8/3 @ 7PM • Fri 8/4 @ 6:45PM • Sat 8/5 @ 7:15PM GENRE Improvisation RECOMMENDED 18+ • TICKETS Box Office Ticketed



JOURNEY TO THE KINGDOM OF HYPNOS SPECTACLE & MIRTH

CREATED BY Carmel Clavin **RUN TIME** 40

Do you remember where Sleep is, Dear Ones? Mnemosyne invites you to close your eyes and journey to the court of that benevolent Greek god-creature of Slumber. But beware, in this Underworld the River of Oblivion is spilling over her shores and threatens the Waking. *This immersive audio experience must be listened to on headphones.*



SHOWS Thu 8/3 @ 6:30PM • Fri 8/4 @ 5:45PM, 8PM • Sat 8/5 @ 6:30PM, 8:45PM GENRE Immersive/Interactive, Performance Art • RECOMMENDED 14+ • TICKETS Box Office Ticketed



LIVING ON THE MOON MOLLY MCFADDEN

WRITTEN AND PERFORMED BY Molly McFadden RUN TIME 50

A play filled with music, puppetry, humor and love between a mother and daughter facing truths and letting go.

SHOWS Thu 8/3 @ 7:30PM • Fri 8/4 @ 10PM • Sat 8/5 @ 4:45PM GENRE Cabaret, Play (Scripted), Puppetry RECOMMENDED 18+ • TICKETS Box Office Ticketed



POETRY FREE CLEVELAND GEOFFREY POLK

CREATED BY Geoffrey Polk **RUN TIME** Depends

What do you want a poem about? Poetry Free Cleveland is a street poetry team writing typewriter poems by request on the spot. We're all about bringing poetry to the people, so stop by and give us a word, an image, a topic, and we'll craft a personal and meaningful poem for you. Encounter Poetry Free Cleveland as you walk throughout the footprint.



SHOWS Throughout the day GENRE Street poetry team writing poems by request on the spot RECOMMENDED All Ages • TICKETS FREE

REVEALING: BURLESQUE THE SEX KITTEN PURRLESQUE

DIRECTED BY Cora Mandragora RUN TIME 60

The Sex Kitten Purrlesque is taking the BorderLight Fringe Festival by storm with Revealing: BURLESQUE! You'll see performers take it off and put on one heck of a show! **CONTENT WARNING:** Themes of depression; fake blood.

SHOWS Fri 8/4 @ 8:15PM • Sat 8/5 @ 4PM, 8:45PM • GENRE Burlesque, Dance/Dance Theatre, Performance Art, Physical Theatre • **RECOMMENDED** 18+ **TICKETS** Box Office Ticketed





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SONGCRAFT RACHEL DROTAR, JULIA FISHER AND VICKEY MCBRIDE

CREATED AND PERFORMED BY Rachel Drotar, Julia Fisher, and Vickey McBride RUN TIME 30

Come with a story. Leave with a song. If you journey into their space, Cleveland artists Rachel Drotar, Julia Fisher, and Vickey McBride will gift you with a personalized, once-in-a-lifetime musical experience that will leave you feeling seen - and changed. Limited tickets available. Booking ahead online is



recommended. **This stage is only accessible by stairs. Accessibility adjustments available upon request. View site or visit box office for details.**

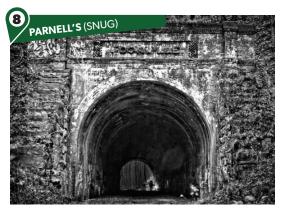
SHOWS Thu 8/3 @ 7PM, 7:45PM, 8:30PM, 9:15PM ● Fri 8/4 @ 6:30PM, 7:15PM, 8PM, 8:45PM, ● Sat 8/5 @ 2:45PM, 3:30PM, 4:15PM, 5PM, 6:30PM, 7:15PM, 8PM, 8:45PM GENRE Immersive/Interactive, Improvisation, Musical/Opera ● RECOMMENDED All Ages TICKETS Box Office Ticketed

STEP NINE GIVE ME YOUR KEYS

WRITTEN BY David Hansen RUN TIME 30

Lean into an intensely private conversation between two old friends and artistic collaborators who share shameful and complicated secrets. **CONTENT WARNING:** Themes and mentions of Misogyny, Mental health, Child Abuse, Sexual assault, Drug/Alcohol Addiction, Classism and Sexism.

SHOWS Thu 8/3 @ 10:30PM • Fri 8/4 @ 10:30PM • Sat 8/5 @ 3PM, 4PM • GENRE Immersive/Interactive, Improvisation Play (Scrinted) Performan



Improvisation, Play (Scripted), Performance Art • RECOMMENDED 18+ TICKETS FREE



SUNDAZE AT THE FRINGE WITH TANIA TIMMONS & RAMON RIVAS

PERFORMED BY Tania Timmons & Ramon Rivas II RUN TIME 60

SUNDAZE is a weekly comedy series highlighting the greater Cleveland arts scene every Sunday at Dunlap's in Clark-Fulton. BorderLight is proud to present the pair at Kennedy's Theatre running extended sets for the Fringe.

SHOWS Sat 8/5 @ 8PM • GENRE Stand-up Comedy, Multimedia, Performance Art • RECOMMENDED 18+ • TICKETS Purchase through Playhouse Square

TESHA; AN "OTHER" LOOK AT RUTH BADER GINSBURG JULIETTE REGNIER RUN TIME 55

RBG is a contemporary cultural icon and much can be accessed about her life and work. Borrowing from her documented life story, playwright and actress Juliette Regnier narrows the broad scope of Justice Ginsburg's extraordinary life, and imagines her here.

SHOWS Thu 8/3 @ 7PM • Fri 8/4 @ 5:45PM, 7:30PM • Sat 8/5 @ 5:45PM, 8:15PM • GENRE One-Person Show **RECOMMENDED** 14+ • TICKETS Box Office Ticketed

THE BLAKE & OLLIE SHOW THE GHOST OF THE FUTURE, LLC / MILLENNIAL THEATER COMPANY [MTP] AKRON / THE AKRON CIVIC THEATER

WRITTEN BY Blake Newhem Valenzuela DIRECTED BY Ángel Newhem Valenzuela RUN TIME 75

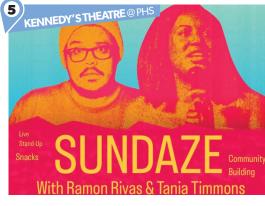
An engaging, propulsive, fun, sad, dramatic, provocative one-in-million story about how we tell stories. Blake & Ollie is a one-man (& one tumor & a few more people) show. The Moth Radio Hour meets Avenue Q meets David Sedaris. With a puppeteer as my brain – and his

puppet as my tumor – you'll come away not only entertained, but gratefully changed.

SHOWS Fri 8/4 @ 6:30PM • Sat 8/5 @ 1:30PM, 6:15PM GENRE Immersive/Interactive, One-Person Show, Play (Scripted), Performance Art, Puppetry RECOMMENDED 18+ • TICKETS Box Office Ticketed







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THE EXPIRATION DATE: A WORK IN PROGRESS JUDAH LEBLANG

CREATED BY Judah Leblang **DIRECTED BY** Lyralen Kaye **RUN TIME** 55

A poignant and humorous look at one gay, Jewish, hard of hearing man's life as a 'junior-senior' facing his golden years and wondering what comes next. Join the performer for an interactive workshop on his process for the Expiration Date on 8/5 at 12PM. CONTENT WARNING: Adult topics, loud noises.

SHOWS Thu 8/3 @ 6PM • Fri 8/4 @

7:15PM • Workshop *Sat 8/5 @ 12PM • Sat 8/5 @ 3:30PM • GENRE One-Person Show, Play (Scripted), Performance Art, Reading • RECOMMENDED 18+ • TICKETS Purchase through Playhouse Square *Interactive Workshop

THE LIGHT HOUSE HAPPY THEATER

WRITTEN & DIRECTED BY Natasha Mirny and Tia Shearer Bassett RUN TIME 50

A show about friendship and finding your light, a unique combination of interactive storytelling and shadow puppetry. Best for children from 3-8 years old, but everyone is invited!

SHOWS Thu 8/3 @ 5:15PM • Fri 8/4 @ 6PM • Sat 8/5 @ 3PM • GENRE Children's Theatre, Performance Art, Immersive/Interactive, Puppetry RECOMMENDED All Ages • TICKETS Box Office Ticketed

THE PEEK-A-BOOTH CASSANDRA HARNER

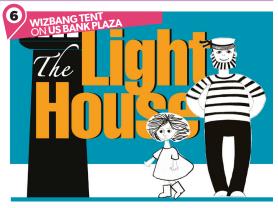
CREATED BY Cassandra Harner **RUN TIME** Depends

The Peek-a-Booth is a pop up performance art vending machine. Only one or two people are allowed to view the private show at a time. New performers every hour. **CONTENT WARNING:** Some sexual themes for some performances.

OPEN HOURS Thur 8/3 @ 6PM - 10PM 8/4 @ 6PM - 10PM • 8/5 @ 3:30PM - 9PM GENRE Burlesque, Cabaret, Performance Art, Immersive/Interactive, Dance, Dance Theatre, Circus, Improvisation, Multimedia, One-Person Show • RECOMMENDED 18+









One-Person Show • RECOMMENDED 18+ • TICKETS Purchase tokens at booth starting at \$2.50

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SHOWS Thu 8/3 @ 7:45PM • Fri 8/4 @ 7PM • Sat 8/5 @ 7:45PM • GENRE Immersive/ Interactive, Physical Theatre, Play (Scripted) • **RECOMMENDED** 14+ • **TICKETS** Box Office Ticketed

THREE COUNTRIES, ONE MOTHER GUM-DIP THEATRE

they choose.

CREATED BY Neema Bal and Katie Beck with contributions from Phul Bal, Lakpa Bal, and Benjamin Rexroad **DIRECTED BY** Katie Beck **RUN TIME** 45

THE SHADOW OF THE CLOCK

The Shadow of the Clock is an immersive audio theater experience. The audience will

be blindfolded throughout the performance, and the actors and sound effects artists will

move around them, providing audio drama from a unique perspective. **CONTENT**

WARNING: Audience will be blindfolded for

this performance; however, they may opt out of wearing it, to listen and imagine however

RADIO ON THE LAKE THEATRE

WRITTEN BY Luke Brett RUN TIME 30

Spanning generations and countries, this personal narrative weaves together family stories and ritual to explore the impact of cultural legacy on an individual. The audience is invited to journey through his cultural inheritance as part of a quest to better

understand himself. CONTENT WARNING: Themes of military brutality, ethnic cleansing, and refugee crisis.

SHOWS Thu 8/3 @ 7PM • Fri 8/4 @ 7:45PM • Sat 8/5 @ 4PM GENRE Physical Theatre, Play (Scripted), One-Person Show • RECOMMENDED 14+ TICKETS Box Office Ticketed

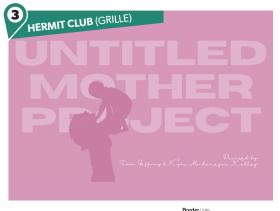
UNTITLED MOTHER PROJECT QUTHEATR

DEVISED BY Tessa Gaffney and Kyra Montemayor Kelley RUN TIME 30

A work-in-progress exploring the mother wound through the experiences and expressions of two artists. The [Untitled Mother Project] is a collection of conversations, poetry, and movement featuring two artists who are seeking camaraderie and clarity at pivotal moments in their lives.

SHOWS Fri 8/4 @ 5:15PM • Sat 8/5 @ 3PM, 8:30PM • GENRE Other RECOMMENDED 14+ • TICKETS FREE





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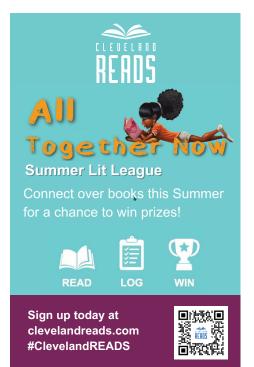






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- Three Countries, One Mother
- I Am But a Whisper

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- Living on the Moon

IMMERSIVE / INTERACTIVE

- The Shadow of the Clock
- Welcome to my House
- The Light House
- Step Nine
- SongCraft
- Floored
- The Peek-a-Booth
- Journey to the
- Kingdom of Hypnos
 - It's a Match!
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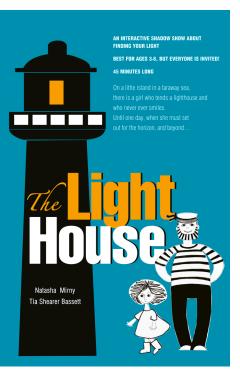
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