

Piggyback Fringe Festival

FAB WORKSHOPS ON DECK FOR THIS WEEKEND'S PIGGYBACK FRINGE FESTIVAL

(Wakefield, QC) True to form, Piggyback Fringe Festival has many 'value-added' extras as part of its program this weekend, 24 – 26 June in Wakefield, Quebec. While a fantastic program of the Fringe theatre pieces from around the world comprise Saturday and Sunday evenings during the Festival, daytimes are chock-a-block with other events.

For theatre artists or writers or other people interested in process, there are three workshops on Saturday and Sunday. All of them feature exceptional artists offering up professional instruction in their particular specialities. Each is only \$10 and space can be reserved by calling Brenda at 819.456.4020.

Second City alumnus Kurt Fitzpatrick will host an hour-long **Comedy Improv** workshop at 10am Saturday the 25th, at Café Laboudi in Wakefield. Kurt has studied with HB Studios in New York City as well as Upright Citizens Brigade and has a long solo career straddling the worlds of standup and improv comedy. His fringe show, **The Last Straight Man in Theatre** is also in the Festival.

At 12:30pm David Langlois gives a workshop in **Mask Performance**, also at Café Laboudi. David has studied mask at the Canadian Mime School in Niagara-on-the-Lake, at the Dell'Arte School in California, with the renowned Jacques Lecoq in Paris, and with acclaimed mask maker Donato Sartori in Italy.

Award-winning Alison Wearing, creator and performer of last year's Festival favourite, **Giving Into Light**, will hold a workshop in **Writing Your Life**, about telling one's own story. Alison's workshop will be at the River Echo Language School in Wakefield at 10:30am on Sunday June 26. She also appears in the Piggyback Fringe offerings in her autobiographical **Confessions of a Fairy's Daughter**.

Finally, artists of every discipline in the Outaouais will want to attend a **Schmooser and Info Session** hosted by ELAN (English Language Arts Network) and representatives of the new Wakefield-La Pêche Community Centre. There will be discussion about ELAN's Touring Project and how it can promote arts and culture at the Centre – or to get your own show on the road. ELAN reps will also discuss what that organization is doing for English-speaking artists across Quebec. This session is FREE and refreshments will be served. It's 2 – 4pm on Saturday June 25 at River Echo Language School.

Tickets for Piggyback Fringe 2011 theatre offerings are available at Kaffé 1870 – 715, chemin Riverside Drive in Wakefield, or the website, www.piggybackfringe.ca. A single ticket is \$10 and is good for any show. Or get a six-show pass for \$40. With this, you can take five friends to one show, another person to three, yourself to six – whatever you want!

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