



FRINGE AWARDS

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September 17, at 9:00pm, Performance Works: 1218 Cartwright Street

APPLICATION NEEDED:

* Artistic Risk Award

The Vancouver Fringe's Board of Directors awards this prize for risk-taking in Fringe theatre to the artist or group of artists who best pushes the boundaries of theatre. There are already awards for being successful at the box office, so our board decided that it's time to reward those artists that are not necessarily going to sell the most tickets, but to those who look at the Fringe as an opportunity to play and experiment.

Selection Process: Fringe Board Jury.

Please email artist@vancouverfringe.com by **August 18, 2017** if you think your show should be shortlisted, with a short blurb outlining how you think your show and your artistic practice takes risks.

Prize: \$1000 Cash.

*The PTC Fringe New Play Prize

Playwrights Theatre Centre joins the Fringe in offering this award to a new play with an outstanding script.

Application Process: A script draft and a basic production plan is mandatory to be eligible for the Award. Application forms and submission information are available at

playwrightstheatre.com and vancouverfringe.com.

Applications must be received no later than **October 2, 2017** and the winner will be announced at the Fringe Festival Lottery Party in early December.

Selection Process: PTC Jury.

Prize: Dramaturgical support from Playwrights Theatre Centre and a free guaranteed spot in the Mainstage Category at the 2018 Vancouver Fringe Festival.

* Joanna Maratta Award

Honouring those who best exhibit the original founding spirit of the Vancouver Fringe Festival. Awarded to a company that has proven readiness for development as a maturing theatre company.

Selection Process: Executive Director's choice. Please email artist@vancouverfringe.com by **August 18, 2017** if you think your company should be shortlisted, with a short blurb outlining how you think your company is a maturing group in need of mentorship.

Prize: Mentorship with Fringe's Executive Director.

NO APPLICATION NEEDED:

* Mollie Bradley Award

This award honours the memory of the mother-in-law of Fringe Board member, Jim Sibley. It supports our other two development awards (Joanna Maratta Award and BC Touring Council Award) by providing financial help for travel, marketing, and other professional development of one or both award winners.

Selection Process: Jury.

Prize: \$1,000.

*The 2017 Public Market Pick of the Fringe Awards

Each year we select several Mainstage or BYOV productions for our Pick of the Fringe Series. All (non site-specific) shows will be considered! The winners will be announced at the Fringe Awards Night on September 20 at 9:30pm at Performance Works.

*Please note: Site-specific shows are not eligible for Pick of the Fringe.

Selection Process: The hottest-selling shows, which are sometimes shows that sell huge numbers of tickets, and sometimes shows that sell out their teeny venue creating a huge demand from patrons!

Prize: One extra performances in a post-festival run, September 20-24,2017 at Performance Works!

*Cultchivating the Fringe Award

From the Fringe to The Cultch, the “Cultchivating the Fringe Award” pays tribute to the show that demonstrates unique potential and rewards it with a run at The Cultch.

Selection Process: Cultch Staff Jury.

Prize: A run at The Cultch as part of a future season.

*The Georgia Straight Critics' Choice Award

The Georgia Straight's theatre critics will surrender to the mighty onslaught of Fringe talent, nominate five of the most outstanding shows, and select a winner!

Selection Process: *Georgia Straight* Critics Jury.

Prize: *Georgia Straight* package.

*BC Touring Council Award

For the artist with the best potential for touring in BC.

Selection Process: BCTC presenting member jury.

Prize: Mentorship, marketing support, and the chance to showcase the winner's work at Pacific Contact, B.C. Touring Council's annual tradeshow and booking conference for the performing arts.

*Volunteer Choice Award

Some of our most dedicated fans have their say!

Selection Process: Volunteer ballot vote.

Prize: The winner receives the special honor of this award!

*The SOFA (Spirit of the Fringe Award)

This year the SOFA award is given in honour of our departing Executive Director David Jordan. It will be awarded to the artist, company, or show that best exhibits David's spirit of tenacity, leadership, and calm under pressure. Oh, and the ability to have a good time while ensuring it all comes together!

Selection Process: Staff ballot vote.

Prize: Something spirited . . . or a sofa.