



## Montreal Fringe results and upcoming Canadian Fringes

### Description

# 2021 edition a resounding success with more to come in Fringes across Canada

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“It ain’t over till it’s over.”

– Yogi Berra (1973)

This classic quote from the baseball great popped into my head in researching plans of the other **Fringe Festivals in Canada**, which, in this COVID year, can be viewed by Montreal Fringeheads for months to come. A list follows below, but first, the results of the recent **St-Ambroise Montreal Fringe Festival 2021**.

### Montreal Results

Highlights include 3000 patrons attending the 30 in-person shows and 1500 viewing ten on-demand shows and 24 digital shorts, the whole generating \$30,000 in box office revenues for the performing artists.

In addition, there is an all-summer-long innovation of a **Fringebuzz Lab** with eight episodes of discussion featuring many well-known Montreal theatre folk. The four in English are Episodes 2, 4, 6 and 8. Click on this [link](#) for more information.



Montreal Fringe Festival, La Gauloise Bleue, Marie et Salome? – Image: Louis Longpre?

## Other Canadian Fringes





Montreal Fringe Festival, Slasher le One-Man-Show, The?a?tre Sans Fond – Image: Louis Longpre?

**Ottawa**, like Montreal, is now closed, having run from June 17 to 27.

**Winnipeg** will run from July 12 to 17. Note that its streamed events are free!

**Hamilton**, from July 14 to 25

**Toronto**, from July 21 to 31

**Charlottetown**, from July 28 to August 1

**Saskatoon**, from July 29 to August 7

**Calgary**, from July 30 to August 7

**Kingston**, from August 7 to 15

**Edmonton**, from August 12 to 22

**Halifax**, from September 2 to 12

**Vancouver**, from September 9 to 19

All of the above are members of CAFF, the **Canadian Association of Fringe Festivals**. You can find out more about each Fringe on their site:

[fringefestivals.com](http://fringefestivals.com)

Somehow, **Tampa** in Florida is also a member, although the dozens of other U.S. cities hosting Fringe Festivals are not. Anyway, to be comprehensive, I add Tampa to my list. Their Fringe will be from July 29 to August 8.



Back to Yogi Berra's quip at the beginning of this article. The underdog **Montreal**

**Canadians** defeated the Tampa Lightning, 3-2 in overtime in game 4 of the Stanley Cup last Monday to force a game 5 and hopefully, 6 and 7. Just as the Fringes across Canada keep Fringing available, it truly ain't over until... (all together now) it's OVER!

Oh, what a wonder this brave new age of the Internet is, allowing us to selectively see so many shows so easily.

WestmountMag.ca readers, who choose to view one or more of the other Fringes, are welcome to send their findings especially on the in-person and digital splits as the hybrid presentations seem to be something that will persist even as COVID-19 subsides.



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Feature image: Montreal Fringe Festival, Spiral, Michegas Theatre, by Louis Longpre?

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