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## FTA 2010-2011

# ADVENTURES IN FAMILY & FRINGE THEATRE

Fringe Theatre Adventures (FTA) brings performers from across Edmonton, Canada and beyond to the TransAlta Arts Barns (10330-84<sup>th</sup> Avenue) for its 2010- 2011 season presentations. The **Adventures in Fringe Theatre** series, running October 2010 to March 2011, provides adults a blend of thrilling mystery, sarcastic humour and musical hilarity. The **Adventures in Family Theatre** series, running December 2010 to April 2011, takes kids of all sizes beyond the clouds, back to the Gold Rush and into the heart of the circus. FTA subscriptions range from \$34 to \$62 and are available through the Fringe Theatre Box Office, 780.409.1910 or [www.fringetheatre.ca](http://www.fringetheatre.ca).

### Adventures in Fringe Theatre

**DualMinds**

***Any Night***

**October 21 - 31, 2010**

From the writers /performers of the internationally acclaimed *Tuesdays & Sundays* and director of the multi award-winning *The Black Rider* and the Off-Broadway hit *Bash'd*, comes a new mystery of privacy, paranoia, and violent sleep... A young woman suffering from night terrors and sleepwalking is drawn into a tender romance with the young man living above her. But how does he know her so well? Part romance, part thriller, *Any Night* is an exploration of that thin line between trust and fear.

**Rainer Hersch**

***Mozart: Ze Komplete Hystery***

**January 20 - 30, 2011**

Comedian and musician Rainer Hersch brings an hilarious Wolfgang Amadeus back from the dead. Yes, the genius of Salzburg returns with an electric piano, slides and a zany routine telling the truth about Mozart's life and death and asking, "What happened to all the royalties?" In *Mozart: Ze Komplete Hystery*, Rainer takes his musical character-playing into the realm of pure fantasy with riotous consequence in a display of costume comedy and piano playing.

**Andy Jones**

***An Evening with Uncle Val***

**March 3 - 13, 2011**

The year is 1987. An indignant, 70-year old retired fisherman displaced from his outport home, Uncle Val is now trapped in the 'big city' of St. John's. Homesick, Val struggles to figure out what life has left to offer him. The hilariously sarcastic Uncle Val muses on Christmas reminiscences, encounters with the Beatles, and the danger of St. John's winters, (or The Seniors' Olympics, according to Val). As he struggles to find his place in 'city' life, he encounters birth, death and romance; deals with the ongoing drama of his obnoxious son-in-law's pub; and experiences life as a devilish live-in babysitter for his grandchildren, Jimmy and Kimmy.

## Adventures in Family Theatre

Alberta Opera Musical Theatre for Young People

### ***Jack and The Beanstalk***

**December 3 - 12, 2010**

Jack lives with his mother on a fledgling bean farm and fills his days concocting fantastic imaginary adventures to combat his boredom. One day, on his way to trade the beloved family cow for food, Jack meets a mysterious merchant and is whisked away on an epic journey. Jack dangles from a monstrous beanstalk miles from the ground, discovers vast riches in an enormous castle beyond the clouds and befriends a Giant! But when he steals the Giant's beautiful singing harp, Jack is faced with a difficult choice that tests his courage. Adapted by Garner Butler and Jeff Unger, this lively musical theatre rendition of a fairy tale classic is directed by Farren Timoteo with an original score by Jeff Unger.

Edmonton Opera & Fringe Theatre Adventures

### ***The Barber of Seville***

**February 17 - 26, 2011**

A collaboration between Edmonton Opera and Fringe Theatre Adventures takes family fun from Seville, Spain to the Alberta Klondike for *The Barber of Seville*. Prospectors seek and lose their fortunes during the Gold Rush, as Figaro, a barber and jack-of-all-trades, works to unite the young Al with his love Rosie, despite devious dealings by the dastardly innkeeper Bart. A Rossini revised and directed by Ann Hodges, this production offers a stepping stone into the world of opera for children of all ages, as well as adults.

### ***Les Parfaits Inconnus***

**April 8 - 17, 2011**

Québec's Les Parfaits Inconnus are a zany medley of circus acts, comedy and electrifying music. Armed with a bicycle, a table, a barrel, a board and a ladder, six eccentric characters meet on stage, each trying to outdo the other in a contest of increasingly outrageous antics. An hour with Les Parfaits Inconnus is one of sheer delight combining laughter, acrobatics, 'unbalancing' acts, juggling and music to rock the soul.

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All FTA presentations take place at the TransAlta Arts Barns' Westbury Theatre (10330-84<sup>th</sup> Avenue). Subscriptions and single tickets are available now at the Fringe Theatre Box Office, 780.409.1910 or [www.fringetheatre.ca](http://www.fringetheatre.ca). Fringe Adventure packages are \$62 for adults, \$51 for students/seniors. Family Adventure packages are \$49 for adults, \$41 for students and seniors, and \$34 for children under 12. For more information about FTA, please visit [www.fringetheatre.ca](http://www.fringetheatre.ca).