

TRUNK!
Toronto Fringe 2018 Press History

Quote Pulls:

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Preview, The Chronicle Herald:

<http://thechronicleherald.ca/artslife/1498894-halifax-fringe-fest-provides-adventurous-theatre-for-everyone>

Hot Ticket Award Announcement, The Chronicle Herald

<http://thechronicleherald.ca/artslife/1500697-fringe-names-five-top-selling-shows-at-each-main-venue>

REVIEW: The Coast, Halifax Fringe 2017

<https://www.thecoast.ca/halifax/halifax-fringe-2017-day-6/Content?oid=9314000>

Trunk!

By Molison Farmer and Creators

Performed by Kerploding Theatre

Kerploding Theatre's *Trunk!* earns its exclamation point with a boisterous explosion of song and dance. The kid-friendly show is all colour and movement as we follow the adventures of 8-year-old Daisy and 12-year-old Oliver and their magical trunk, which transports them in moments to a sky kingdom, a magical swamp, and a tropical island. (Where everyone speaks French, for some reason.) It's theatre as non-stop action, designed to keep young children with fickle attention spans entertained for an hour.

What makes *Trunk!* a particularly fine example of this sort of theatre is how music is integrated into the performance. While the show has its expected share of exuberant "you can do it!" songs, they are not the only type of music here. As narrator/character/plush toy "Dragon," Francis Melling uses guitar and ukulele to supply a constant musical backdrop to the action with funky or soulful riffs and excerpts from pop songs. ("Eye of the Tiger" even arrives at one point.) It's a very effective way of establishing the mood for each scene, while maintaining the continuity between them.

On the evening I attended, as the show ended, the mother with young children in front of me turned around and said loudly "That was amazing!" I think that's all the endorsement one needs. – *Martin Wallace*

Plan B

2180 Gottingen Street

\$10

Wednesday Sept 6, 6:00pm

Thursday Sept 7, 6:00pm

Friday Sept 8, 5:30pm

Saturday Sept 9, 6:00pm