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## **MOVIN' MELVIN BROWN: A MAN, A MAGIC, A MUSIC!**

**MOVIN' MELVIN BROWN for a  
first at Toronto Fringe Festival**

Rhythm and Blues legend **Movin' Melvin Brown** is bringing his unique blend of singing, grooving and shaking to Toronto Fringe 2018! After rave reviews worldwide, Melvin is ready to get Toronto dancing with a full length show packed with iconic tunes, legendary dance moves and good times all around, along with incredible true stories from his fascinating life.

In Melvin's first Toronto Fringe Festival offering, ***Movin' Melvin Brown - A Man, A Magic, A Music!*** shows how he earned his nicknames: The Dance Man, ALL AROUND Mr Entertainment!

"Exceptional, sheer brilliance! When it comes to all- singin', all dancin' foot entertainment, Movin' Melvin is your very man" - *The Scotsman* ★★★★★

The show unfolds Black Music history 50's to 90's in *Song, Dance, Tap, comedy* and true stories which prove that sometime life is funnier than fiction! In the early 70's the iconic and funky band Movin' Soothin' & Stone Funk Band had a Soul hit on the charts (Love Stormy Weather). They intensively toured through Canada and the US, to make it to Alabama where their opening act was **Lionel Richie & The Commodores**. Movin' Melvin also shared the stage with **James Brown, Stevie Wonder, The Isley Brothers**, and many more.

This is a fresh take of Melvin at his best, with an updated version of the show that got him five star reviews in Edinburgh, Adelaide, sold out performances as well as awards/nominations in Brighton UK (Star of the Festival), New York (Outstanding Performance), Vancouver (winner 'People Choice award'), Ottawa (Best performer), Wellington...

This Toronto premiere features a legendary man who has lived an epic era and who will blow away his audiences. *A Man, A Magic, A Music* is an evening you won't want to forget!

**MOVIN' MELVIN BROWN**  
in association with **The Toronto Fringe Festival** presents

## **A MAN, A MAGIC, A MUSIC**

written by Melvin Brown

directed by Melvin Brown & Francesca Sansalone

featuring Melvin Brown

lighting design / stage managed by Francesca Sansalone

**Opens July 6th runs to July 15th @ ROBERT GILL THEATRE**

7/6 7:30PM 7/7 3:30PM 7/8 10:30PM 7/10 8:00PM 7/11 5:30PM 7/13 1:45PM 7/15 5PM

*Please note that there is absolutely no latecomer seating.*

### **Tickets:**

**Venue: ROBERT GILL THEATRE (Venue #9)**

214 College St, Toronto, ON M5T 2Z9 (Tickets go on sale June 8, 2018)

Purchase online: [fringetoronto.com](http://fringetoronto.com) By Phone: 416-966-1062

In Person: During the festival at our main box office at the Fringe patio at Scadding Court - 707 Dundas Street West.

## **ABOUT MOVIN' MELVIN BROWN**

With a career spanning five decades of award-winning singing, dancing and storytelling, Movin' Melvin Brown is a legend of soul. Having worked with Willie Nelson, James Brown, Smokey Robinson and Stevie Wonder, Melvin is no stranger to the spotlight. He has also performed for Oprah Winfrey and opened for Harry Connick Jr. on his Australian tour. He's toured to France, Switzerland, HK, New Zealand, Canada, and New York City, with rave reviews and sold out performances. Two of Melvin's early soul hits 'Send Me Some Love' and 'Loves Stormy Weather' have recently been rediscovered and played on radio in the UK, North Europe and Japan.

### **Praise for Movin' Melvin Brown:**

"He was an absolute delight to watch ... He was so popular that we have been inundated with requests for his return"

*- BBC, Edinburgh Festival Revue*

"It's a rare treat: to have an all-round performer of Melvin Brown's calibre and background is an opportunity that doesn't come every day. Make the most of it!" ★★★★★ – *The Age*

"Melvin's impassioned voice, his infectious laugh & wry humor, his earnest aphorisms, his characterizations like "the black preacher" make the show an unforgettable life experience. Pretty damn good!" – *The Stranger, Seattle*.

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