



Wilbury Theatre Group presents
***FRINGEPVD 2026: The Providence Fringe
Festival®***
July 12 - 18, 2026

PROVIDENCE, RI (February 17, 2026) – Wilbury Theatre Group announces dates and initial plans for *FRINGEPVD: The Providence Fringe Festival®*. Subtitled *Fringe in Focus*, the 2026 festival will be a scaled down expression of FRINGEPVD. Taking place July 12–18 at selected venues throughout Providence’s Valley Arts District, this year’s festival will offer a curated week of performances and special events that celebrate the artist-driven, adventurous spirit at the heart of The Providence Fringe. A full schedule of events will be announced at a later date.

Since its founding in 2014, FRINGEPVD has grown into one of Providence’s most vibrant cultural events, bringing together hundreds of artists and welcoming more than 20,000 audience members and visitors to the Valley Arts District each year. As the festival has expanded, so too has the scale of resources required to produce it sustainably.

“Since the beginning, FRINGEPVD has always been about access, experimentation, and community,” said Josh Short, Wilbury Theatre Group’s Artistic Director and the Founder of FRINGEPVD. “Producing a festival of this size requires a tremendous investment of time, staffing, and infrastructure. Given the current funding landscape, including the level of municipal and grant support available, we made the responsible decision to pause the full festival model this year. By scaling back and adopting a *Fringe in Focus* model for 2026, it allows

us to recalibrate, support artists in a more meaningful way, and ensure that FRINGEPVD can return in a form that's sustainable and strong for years to come."

For *FRINGEPVD 2026*, Wilbury Theatre Group will curate a select group of artists to present new and experimental work, alongside special events throughout the week, including free community events that have become a hallmark of past Fringe Festivals. This more intimate, curated model emphasizes connection, artistic risk-taking, and the communal energy that has always defined FringePVD. Participating venues include Wilbury Theatre Group, Farm Fresh, LitArtsRI, Teatro ECAS and OPEN at 50 Sims.

"We know how deeply FRINGEPVD matters to artists and audiences alike," said Christine Treglia, Wilbury Theatre Group's General Manager. "This year is about stewardship - taking the time to thoughtfully align the scale of the festival with the capacity of our staff and resources.

FRINGEPVD 2026: Fringe in Focus is both a celebration of what Fringe has always been and a recommitment to its long-term vitality."

A full schedule of events will be announced in the coming months. For more information, visit fringepvd.org or follow @fringepvd on social media.

ABOUT FRINGEPVD: The Providence Fringe Festival®

Presented by Wilbury Theatre Group since 2014, FRINGEPVD brings together more than three hundred individual theatre, music, dance, multimedia and performing artists for two weeks of performances in and around the Valley neighborhood of Providence, while keeping the online performance series established during the COVID-19 pandemic.

FRINGEPVD: The Providence Fringe Festival® was founded by Wilbury Theatre Group in 2014. In the years since, the year-round staff and creative teams of Wilbury Theatre Group have served in official capacities for the Festival alongside part time Fringe-only staff, volunteers, and collaborators. Founded in 2010, The Wilbury Theatre Group's goal has been to offer audiences from throughout New England affordable access to cutting-edge theatre. Through the development of our Main Series season, outreach and education programs, new work development programs, and the Providence Fringe Festival®, we are proud to bring these professional theatre productions to a diverse and ever-evolving community.

For Calendar Section

What: *FRINGEPVD: The Providence Fringe Festival®*, presented by Wilbury Theatre Group

When: July 12-18, 2026; Special events and performance schedule to be announced

Where: Various venues in the Valley Arts District, Providence

Tickets: Tickets will become available at a later date. For more information, visit FRINGEPVD.org or follow [@FRINGEPVD](https://twitter.com/FRINGEPVD)

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About Wilbury Theatre Group

Winner of the 2018 *National Theater Company Award* from the American Theatre Wing, Wilbury Theatre Group is a professional, nonprofit theatre company that engages our community in thought-provoking conversation through new works, reimagined classics and adventurous playmaking. We are idealistic, ambitious, and stubborn in our resolve to create theatre that entertains, enlightens, and inspires. For more information visit thewilburygroup.org