

## **Ashland Fringe Festival to succeed Oregon Fringe**

For over a decade, the Oregon Center for the Arts (OCA) has thrilled Southern Oregon audiences with the bold and innovative programming of the Oregon Fringe Festival (OFF), culminating in last year's festival featuring 97 performances across 28 venues. Because OFF has been a free event throughout its run, the OCA has made the difficult decision to place an indefinite pause on festival planning while potential funding sources for future iterations of OFF are considered.

While the OCA will not be producing OFF in 2025, the center is excited to share that a talented group of enterprising Southern Oregon University alumni are launching a new festival inspired by OFF — the Ashland Fringe Festival. Though not officially affiliated with the university or the OCA, Ashland Fringe will embody the same adventurous spirit and is led by experienced OFF producers who will carry the Fringe legacy forward in Southern Oregon. The creative energy they bring to the Ashland community will be exciting to see!

For questions regarding the future of OFF, please contact Andrew Kenneth Gay, Executive Director of the Oregon Center for the Arts. To learn more about Ashland Fringe, visit [ashlandfringe.org](http://ashlandfringe.org) and follow [@ashlandfringe](https://www.instagram.com/ashlandfringe) on Instagram.