

## **Magic Thor is back!**

The only Swede invited to the first Fringe Festival in Estonia will do two performances of his comedy show A Magic Night with Magic Thor; a brutal mix of vaudeville, magic, juggling and stand-up. Verbal graffiti mixed with physical comedy.

- I am super excited to be part of the Tallinn Fringe festival, says Thorsten Andreassen alias Magic Thor. I am really looking forward to come back to Tallinn. Last time I was invited by Circus Tree Festival in 2015 and had a blast. This will be a more intimate show with the audience close-up.

Thorsten Andreassen is one of 35 international and spectacular performers at Tallinn Fringe Festival (TFF) taking place at Heldeke and Keller Teater between 8-14 December.

- It is a great work done by Dan Renwick to open a fringe festival, says Thorsten Andreassen. The fringe has had a huge impact on the development of humoristic and comedy shows with a wide range of genres. Unlike Europe, Sweden and the Nordics do not have a history of buffoon and street performers.

Thorsten Andreassen is a well-known comedian in Sweden with 30 years of experience on stage. He is the founder of the famous buffoon group Gycklargruppen. This five-man strong group was the pioneer within New Circus in Scandinavia and made a huge success for its funny and skilled performances where they tore down the fourth wall in the classical theatre saloons.

Thorsten Andreassen has for many years worked for an acknowledgement and recognition of the contemporary circus in Sweden. To create a better understanding of street performers and street art, Thorsten Andreassen started and drifted Stockholm Street Festival. Many international performers attracted more than 60 000 people in the audience, like the amazing Estonian aerial artist Grete Gross, when performing in the very centre of Stockholm.

- I wish Dan and his work with Tallinn Fringe Festival all the best for the future festivals to come and hope for many sold-out performances, says Thorsten Andreassen. I had a blast last time I was performing in Tallinn with an interacting, engaged and responding audience – a dream for a performer.

## **Learn more about Fringe**

- Tallinn Fringe Festival is initiated by Dan Renwick, Producer and Owner of Heldeke.
- This first Fringe Festival in Tallinn consists of 35 performers in a range of different show from stand-up comedy, rappers, clowns, circus and much more. Read the whole program and find tickets on the website [www.tallinnfringe.ee](http://www.tallinnfringe.ee)
- Fringe means performances, groups, artists that is not representing the main stream art form. The art form itself is more of an alternative than classic, more contemporary than traditional. Comedy and humour are often the foundation for the fringe concept.
- The oldest fringe festival is the **Edinburgh Festival Fringe** ([www.edfringe.com](http://www.edfringe.com)) established in 1947 as an alternative to the Edinburgh International Festival. It is the world's largest arts festival, which in 2018 spanned 25 days and featured more than 55,000 performances of 3,548 different shows in 317 venues. It takes place annually in Edinburgh, Scotland in the month of August. Great names such as Monty Python, Eddie Izzard and Ricky Gervais have all performed in their early years at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.