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COMEDY CARES

Comedy Cares, an award winning outreach initiative, is back for the **2016 Edmonton International Street Performers Festival**. Proving laughter can soothe the soul, Festival cast members use their talents to deliver healing smiles and chuckles to patients, family, and staff of Edmonton area hospitals and care facilities.

“StreetFest is about bringing fun and laughter to the citizens of Edmonton. We realize many people cannot come out to the Square, so Comedy Cares allows us to bring joy and laughter to those who need it the most.” says Artistic Producer, Shelley Switzer.

Comedy Cares has grown with the Festival and tours year-round. Artists tailor their shows specifically for hospital and care facility patients and focus on specialized forms of clowning, improvisation, character work, music and comedy.

Comedy Cares 2016 features a variety of Festival artists including The Great Balanzo, Jason Kodie, Phileas Flash, Jonathan Burns, Chairman Jim, Something Fishy, Andrea House, Cirque No Problem, and Rhythm Speaks.

Visits this year are generously sponsored by the Kipnes Foundation and AMJ Campbell Edmonton.

The 2016 Comedy Cares Festival schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, July 12 - Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital (NOT open to the media)

Wednesday, July 13 –Stollery Children’s Hospital (OPEN to media; Begins 10:00am)

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