



Collins: Kids on the Fringe

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Zuni Webb traveled to the Orlando Fringe Festival in May to serve as marketing director for her mother, Kjersti, who was performing her one-woman show about childbirth titled "Olive."

While in Orlando, Zuni worked the crowds in traditional fringe style, wearing a clown nose and handing out postcards to drum up an audience for her mom.

"People would stop and want to have a postcard from her," mom reports.

Zuni also got a chance to go to Orlando's KidsFringe. There, she listened to storytellers, made Fringe buttons and went through a jumping tent.

Zuni, 2½, was unavailable for comment for this story, but according to her mom, Zuni's fave activity at Orlando's KidsFringe was the tattoo booth, where she got her very own ink (erasable, we're told).

"I have tattoos on the inside of my arm, so it was a big deal for her," Kjersti says.

Such a big deal that Zuni talked Mom into heading up the inaugural KidsFringe back home in Boulder this summer. It's a brand new part of the Boulder International Fringe Festival, which takes place Aug. 14-25 at various venues throughout Boulder.

Boulder's KidsFringe is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Aug. 16 in Boulder's Central Park, adjacent to the Farmer's Market. The activities and performances will be geared to kids of all ages, from newborns through teenagers.

Among the activities on tap are a teen fashion show, a superhero booth (where kids can dress up as their favorite superhero and play in front of a green screen), poetry workshops, splatter painting, a graffiti wall, capoeira demonstrations, a rock 'n' roll clinic, a performance by singer Randy Kaplan and live theatrical performances. It's all free, thanks to an arts grant BIFF received.

Several local arts organizations are on board to lead activities, including Dog House Music, Fire Mountain Kids, Imagination Makers Theater, The Interactive Theatre Project and Vox Rising.

Meanwhile, Kjersti is also working as the festival's technical director, and she's preparing to perform "Olive" at the grown-ups' Fringe, too.

Check out www.boulderfringe.com for more information about KidsFringe. And be on the lookout for a little girl with a clown nose. Zuni wants to tell you all about her mom's show.

Check out this week's Friday Magazine for a full preview of the 2008 Fringe Festival.