

# **Fieger in fundraising cast of 12 Angry Men**

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A staged reading next month of 12 Angry Men with Michigan lawyer Geoffrey Fieger is aimed at raising the profile of Windsor's first summer fringe festival.

Fieger, a former Michigan gubernatorial candidate, will appear in the performance Feb. 15, at the Chrysler Theatre, St. Clair Centre of the Arts. Tickets \$40-\$15 at the theatre box office.

Mona el Baroudi, of Actor's Theatre of Windsor, a professional company, hopes the benefit also gets the word out about July's inaugural Windsor Fringe Festival.

Fieger, she said, has already done his part by spreading the word about the festival to corporate clients in Michigan. The reading of 12 Angry Men will benefit Windsor's Sexual Assault Crisis Centre.

Since el Baroudi announced in December the fringe festival was a go-ahead, she has had inquiries from organizations on both sides of the border. Application forms are available on the group's website, [www.actorstheatreofwindsor.com](http://www.actorstheatreofwindsor.com).

The festival is inspired by similar events in Winnipeg and Edinburgh, Scotland. Besides theatre, there will be music performances and art exhibits during the run of the festival, July 18-27.

El Baroudi hopes to have the Capitol Theatre available, but has made contingency plans in case it remains closed. The festival will coincide with three other events -- Artcite Inc.'s new Artscene, a display of art in empty storefronts; the annual Chalk and Chocolate Festival; and a new busker festival planned for Charles Clark Square.