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## Fringe Benefits Include Boxers and Boy Bands

**TRICK BOXING** Fringe heaven. Brian Sostek and Megan McClellan slather on the charm in this bygone-era tale of a neophyte boxer. Sostek's hilariously oversize characterizations range from a lisping bookie to a wheezing mob boss, and as the con man who narrates the tale, he is a terrifically engaging storyteller. McClellan plays love interest Bella, joining Sostek in some exuberant swing-dance sequences. Their playful inventiveness (wait till you see the puppet boxing matches) and sensational timing make the show a giddy delight. *At Venue 7, Lind Hall, on September 13 (1:30 p.m.) and 14 (7 p.m.)* • **Kathleen Oliver** | **Vancouver Fringe Festival** |