



The Free Fringe Festival

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ULTIMATE GUIDE TO THE
FREE FRINGE FESTIVAL

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TO YOUR ULTIMATE GUIDE TO THE

**FREE FRINGE
FESTIVAL!**

2,500 FREE SHOWS

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THE BIG FREE FRINGE FESTIVAL LAUNCH SHOW 2019 **JULY 31 | 20:30-22:30**

THE COURTYARD @ THE FREE SISTERS

See a huge selection of this year's big names, stand-out performers and many of the best free acts in Edinburgh at this one-off launch show and party. This show marks the start of our many thousands of performances this year and you can mingle with the stars, VIPs, performers and press at this show and party to mark the beginning of the festival. Limited free tickets are available. Booking is a must!

KIDS

KIDS COURTYARD CINEMA CLUB | FROM 9AM EVERYDAY

GRUMPY PANTS | AUG 1-25 | 11:00-11:45 [45 MIN]

THE GOTHIC ROOM @ THE FREE SISTERS

Perfectly crafted juggling, bubbles, comedy and fork throwing for the whole family.

AFRICA WEIRD AND WONDERFUL | AUG 2-11, 13-23 | 11:00-12:00 [60 MIN]

MAGGIE'S FRONT ROOM @ THE FREE SISTERS

Africa is a fascinating place full of authentic stories and silly facts. Expect music, and role play and fun for all the family.

FANTASTIC MAGIC SHOW FOR KIDS | AUG 1-25 | 11:30-12:30 [60 MIN]

MAGGIE'S CHAMBER @ THE FREE SISTERS

Fantastic Magic Show has loads of participation from the kids which brings excitement for the children and fun for the adults. The Magic Show also includes a tutorial on how to do magic and all the kids get a balloon animal.

SCIENCE MAGIC: PLAY WITH YOUR FOOD | AUG 1-25 | 12:00-13:00 [60 MIN]

THE GOTHIC ROOM @ THE FREE SISTERS

Using only things you find around the house, see amazing tricks to show you how magical science can be.

SCIENCE MAGIC: PLAY WITH YOUR FOOD | AUG 1-25 | 13:15-14:15 [60 MIN]

THE GOTHIC ROOM @ THE FREE SISTERS

Using only things you find around the house, see amazing tricks to show you how magical science can be.

HUGGERS | AUG 1-25 | 14:00-15:00 [60 MIN]

MAGGIE'S CHAMBER @ THE FREE SISTERS

The popular worldwide hit show returns with another revolving line-up of the best comedians, musical acts, magicians and childrens entertainers for all the family to enjoy together. My eight-year-old loved it. The hour whizzed past. Perfect for childrens attention spans (ChildFriendlyBrighton.co.uk). Mums and dads are onto a winner with this ... delightfully immature comedy (Herald Sun, Melbourne).

CIRCUS SONAS FAMILY SHOW | AUG 1-25 | 14:30-15:30 [60 MIN]

THE GOTHIC ROOM @ THE FREE SISTERS

Martin and Logy return to Edinburgh with their family friendly show. Suitable for all ages.

FANTASTIC FLATULENCE AND WHERE TO FIND IT | AUG 1-25 | 15:15-16:15 [60 MIN]

MAGGIE'S CHAMBER @ THE FREE SISTERS

Award-winning author Stuart Reid launches his 8th book at the Edinburgh Festival with an exploration of eggy explosions and his fear of farts. Books, bogies and big bottom burps abound, with astronauts, aliens and even an armpit bagpipe contest.

COMEDYSPORTZ UK | AUG 1-17 | 16:30-17:30 [60 MIN]

MAGGIE'S CHAMBER @ THE FREE SISTERS

All Action, all improvised comedy as teams compete for your laughs. Who wins? You decide!

COMEDY

THE ICEBERG EFFECT | AUG 15-16, 19, 22-23 | 11:00-12:00 [60 MIN]

THE WEE ROOM @ THE FREE SISTERS

A 'Where are they now?' show about the lives of several Titanic performers. Sponsored by Squarespace.

SAMANTHA HANNAH: HOW TO FIND HAPPINESS [IN A YEAR] | AUG 1-25 | 12:00-12:50 [50 MIN]

MAIN ROOM @ CABARET VOLTAIRE

Samantha, 'one of the funniest ladies on the planet' (RemoteGoat.com) searches for happiness.

AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAH, IT'S THE ONE LINER SHOW. | AUG 1-25 | 12:00-13:00 [60 MIN]

LOCKUP 1 @ THE LOCKUP

Enjoy an hour of the best up-and-coming one-liner comedians on the circuit in this celebration of puns, one-liners and wordplay, all held together by your host Masai Graham (UK Pun Champion 2016).

CAMP RUNNING-A-MOCK | AUG 1-2, 5, 8-9, 12 | 12:15-13:15 [60 MIN]

THE WEE ROOM @ THE FREE SISTERS

KCL's best improv group present Camp Running a-Mock! Each day a group of attention seeking university students will pretend to be at camp and perform a different improvised show based entirely on audience suggestions!

ALEX FARROW: PHILOSOPHY A-LEVEL | AUG 1-25 | 12:15-13:05 [50 MIN]

LONG ROOM @ CABARET VOLTAIRE

Alex Farrow: Philosophy A-Level is a stand-up comedy show about history, religion and modern Britain told through the stories of teaching Philosophy to teenagers. Honest and interesting and really, very, very funny indeed ***** Bunbury Magazine, Jaw Achingly funny- Oxford Times ***** An engaging and entertaining pairing of learning and good humour! ***** The Latest, Brighton

CLASH OF THE TIGHT TENS | AUG 1-25 | 12:15-13:15 [60 MIN]

THE CAVE @ CABARET VOLTAIRE

Andy Quirk presents his pick of the finest Fringe comedians performing ten-minute tasters of their full-length shows. Expect a titanic mix of stand-up, sketch and musical comedy. You'll be "Poseid" yourself with the "trident-tested" material!

ZANE HELBERG-LIVE FROM REHAB | AUG 1-25 | 12:15 -13:15 [60 MIN]

MAGGIE'S FRONT ROOM @ THE FREE SISTERS

He made it out alive!!! Witness whimsical mayhem spanning a lifetime before, during, and after addiction. Join Zane on this dark and twisted tale as he finds the comedy in his tragedy.

BABES/PIGS IN THE CITY | AUG 15-16, 19, 22-23 | 12:15-13:15 [60 MIN]

THE WEE ROOM @ THE FREE SISTERS

What happens when one small-town bumpkin and one third world brat try to spread their wings? Will they become sophisticated babes? Or just two pigs in the city? Brought to you by the silly yet acerbic Amy Xander, and the sharp and sassy Ginnia Cheng.

IN-BREAD WITH JOSEPH EMSLIE [WORK IN PROGRESS] | AUG 3-11, 13-25 | 12:25-13:25 [60 MIN]

CINEMA ROOM @ CABARET VOLTAIRE

Joseph "definitely a name to keep tabs on" (Bruce Dessau, 2017) attempts to separate the wheat from the chaff. While it might not sound that exciting, think again, because as a coeliac Joseph is being far more dangerous than you first thought!

SLACKTIVIST | AUG 1-25 | 12:30-13:30 [60 MIN]**LOCKUP 2 @ THE LOCKUP**

Rod Shepherd, Slacktivist blows open the truth, fake news, media lies and Greggs Vegan Sausage Rolls.

SKETCH THIEVES | AUG 1-12, 14-25 | 13:00 14:00 [60 MIN]**MAIN ROOM @ CABARET VOLTAIRE**

Comedy sketch swapping live! The cult hit show where sketch groups perform their own sketches, then each others'. Featured on BBC Radio 4 Extra.

JOURNEYS OF THE MIND AND THE MEGABUS | AUG 1-25 | 13:00-14:00 [60 MIN]**UPSTAIRS @ THE GOLF TAVERN**

Joe Bates and Luke Chilton have both been on a journey: one into the recesses of a broken mind in a foreign land, the other on a coach on the M1 southbound. Their journeys made them what they are-find out what that is in this brilliant split show!

ANGEL COMEDY SHOWCASE | AUG 3-12, 14-24 | 13:15-14:15 [60 MIN]**LOCKUP 1 @ THE LOCKUP**

Award-winning Angel Comedy (Best Club in UK 2015, 2017, 2018-Chortle Awards) brings a showcase to Edinburgh 2019. Award-winning comedians and the best new acts, for free! Time Out recommended, a comedy institution and top comedy club.

MARVELUS: IMPROV THE MARVEL-VERSE | AUG 1-11, 13-25 | 13:20-14:20 [60 MIN]**LONG ROOM @ CABARET VOLTAIRE**

The UK's premiere nerd-culture comedy duo, The Just Us League and guests present a brand new MARVEL movie trilogy made up on the spot. Get your geek on as these improvisers make up a whole new MCU. Featuring some of the UK's best improvisors from The Noise Next Door, Showstoppers and more!

NOT MY AUDIENCE | AUG 1-11, 13-25 | 13:30-14:30 [60 MIN]**MAGGIE'S FRONT ROOM @ THE FREE SISTERS**

Three of the Fringe's top comedians battle it out to give you a perfect stand up comedy show that's based entirely on what you anonymously share through our exclusive web app! Come and see comedians pander to your needs as they bend to impress you!

A MANY SPLENDORED THING | AUG 1-2, 5, 8-9, 12, 15-16, 19, 22-23 | 13:30-14:30 [60 MIN]**THE WEE ROOM @ THE FREE SISTERS**

Feeling heartbroken? They say laughter is the best medicine! Throw in some music, and now you're really talking. Come join Rena Hundert on a healing musical journey from heartbreak to self-love.

ZAHRA BARRI'S SPECIAL [WORK IN PROGRESS] | AUG 1-25 | 13:30-14:20 [50 MIN]**THE CAVE @ CABARET VOLTAIRE**

Zahras never stood in front of a mirror and taken a selfie. Nor has she intentionally made herself look like a dog on Instagram. Zahra doesn't think she's special so why does everyone else think they are? She begs, 'Don't be a big head but don't be narrow minded. Just have a normal sized head, please. Edgy and very funny', Cheeky Monkey Comedy 'A buzzy fluffball of comedy unafraid to take risks, a cute puppy with a surprising snarl.' Mumble Comedy. As seen on BBC Iplayer. As heard on BBC Radio 4 Extra and BBC Radio 2.

CHARACTER BUILDING EXPERIENCE | AUG 1-13, 15-25 | 13:40- 14:40 [60 MIN]**CINEMA ROOM @ CABARET VOLTAIRE**

A Dungeons-and-Dragons-style, comedy, interactive role playing game experience where the audience get to make the decisions about what characters can and can't do with Game Master Sasha Ellen. Always engaging-Chortle Material featured on BBC Radio.

INTERVIEWING ELECTRIC FROG | AUG 1-25 | 13:45-14:45 [60 MIN]

LOCKUP 2 @ THE LOCKUP

An assault on the senses. Come with an open mind; leave with a broken one.

DANNY NEE-DS HIS DEBUT | AUG 1-16 | 14:15-15:15 [60 MIN]

UPSTAIRS @ THE GOLF TAVERN

I am Danny Nee. I am either an Irish man or a Chinese man. I leave that up to you to judge. I hablo espanol and parler francais and I will tell you about this. I play guitar and will release an album soon so i do have a sensitive side which seeks to reflect on my emotions more openly rather than just covering it up by comedy all the time. I am from the west highland of Scotland but live in Glasgow so I went from nearly getting killed by boredom to nearly getting killed by knife users as they are called in more affluent areas.

CLASSIC JOKE CLUB | AUG 1-25 | 14:15-15:15 [60 MIN]

MAIN ROOM @ CABARET VOLTAIRE

Join the funniest acts on the UK and international circuit as they share classic jokes handed down to them by their family. Chickens, mothers-in-law, doctors, elephants, Englishmen, Irishmen, Scotsmen (and other nationalities) all welcome to walk into this bar. Discover the definitive answers behind the number of people required to change a light bulb, the adventures of an entire menagerie of creatures and why three representatives of the British Isles are always getting into such unexpected scrapes.' Previously appearing acts include Stuart Goldsmith, Geoff Norcott, Sindhu Vee and Bec Hill.

TWO MUMS-ONE CUP | AUG 17-22 | 14:15-15:15 [60 MIN]

UPSTAIRS @ THE GOLF TAVERN

Two Mums-One Cup One split hour of hilarity + comedy brought to you by comedians who happen also to be Mums. Kelly Ford / Soho Radio Presenter and Funny Women-One to Watch 2018 and Naomi Wattis-Max Turner-Semi Finalist 2018.

ONCE AN EMO, ALWAYS AN EMO [WIP] | AUG 23-25 | 14:15-15:15 [60 MIN]

UPSTAIRS @ THE GOLF TAVERN

Kirsty Brinkman (Barshens) is bringing her work in progress stand up hour to the Fringe. Having written the show some time ago, she has been reworking the entire thing to include: jokes (maybe), stories (probably) and something about an identity crisis and growing up emo (hopefully). She's a bit of a legend, she's a wildcard and she has been described as "the funniest person I have ever met" on two separate occasions, by two very close friends, with (fairly) minimal pressure. Please consider joining her for a sure-to-be fun hour of trying new and funny stuff (broadly speaking).

POTTERVISION 2 WIP | AUG 1-25 | 14:30-15:30 [60 MIN]

LOCKUP 1 @ THE LOCKUP

WORK IN PROGRESS SHOW Potter parody show is returning with a brand-new hour! Join us, four full grown men, pretending to be 12-year-old children as we re-enact and celebrate the absurdities from those films. Sell-out show 2017 and 2018.

GRÁINNE MAGUIRE: GUYS- IT'S PROBLEMATIC | AUG 1-25 | 14:35-15:35 [60 MIN]

LONG ROOM @ CABARET VOLTAIRE

Award-winning comedian Gráinne Maguire (Dave's UnSpun, BBC One's This Week, RTE's Cutting Edge and Radio 4's Now Show) returns with a sparkling, exhilarating and life-affirming show about why we should all be Team Titanic. Writer for 8 Out of 10 Cats and The Last Leg. 'A must-see from a comedian at the top of her game' (Edinburgh Festivals Magazine). 'A self-assured performance from a woman who has mastered her craft' (Skinny). 'Sarcastically and scabrously hilarious' (Chortle.co.uk). 'Original and unpredictable a delightful, incisive hour of truth and madness' (FringeGuru.com).

FUNNY CLUCKERS-BEST OF THE FEST | AUG 2-25 | 14:45-15:45 [60 MIN]

MAGGIE'S FRONT ROOM @ THE FREE SISTERS

Four top-quality fowl-mouthed acts, hand-plucked from around the festival. For the poultry sum of a bucket contribution on eggsit. Guaranteed to be clucking funny. Cockmungously not suitable for the family.

MUSICEDY | AUG 1-2, 5, 8-9, 12, 15-16, 19, 22-23 | 14:45-15:45 [60 MIN]**THE WEE ROOM @ THE FREE SISTERS**

Join us for an experiment in music and comedy! Musical comedians accompany stand-ups in their sets live on stage! Will it work? We'll have to see... New lineups every day.

MISTAKEN | AUG 2-4, 6-11, 13-18, 20-25 | 14:45-15:45 [60 MIN]**THE CAVE @ CABARET VOLTAIRE**

This show is based in the kitchen of a house party. The central question of the show is who am I? and how did I become this way? In answering this question Anthony Ayton, Public school educated Lawyer cum entrepreneur discusses his eighties childhood, race, class, sex and drugs and boarding school. "I love Anthony Ayton he's clever a bit cheeky and bloody funny" Angela Barnes.

ELLIOT WENGLER: SOLO AN ELLIOT WENGLER STORY | AUG 10-13, 15-25 | 14:55-15:55 [60 MIN]**CINEMA ROOM @ CABARET VOLTAIRE**

Loveable funny storyteller is surprisingly comfortable musing on loneliness. Likeable performer with nice ideas (Broadway Baby).

COMMON PEOPLE [AGAIN] | AUG 1-9 | 14:55-15:55 [60 MIN]**CINEMA ROOM @ CABARET VOLTAIRE**

Following a very successful run in 2018, the Common People are back for more! Janet and Paul are ordinary, common people and very happy with it. They aren't trying to educate anyone, teach them where they are going wrong or how they should think and if they were it would be dangerous to listen. All they want is to take your mind off the world and enjoy an hour of belly laughs. This is what happens when comedy comes out of the council estate, so come and have a laugh if you think you're hard enough.

BECKY BRUNNING: BLOOM | AUG 1-4, 6-18, 20-25 | 15:00-16:00 [60 MIN]**LOCKUP 2 @ THE LOCKUP**

Funny Women Finalist, Broadchurch Actor and Most Promising Junior 1998* Becky, accidentally got gay married and now the biological clock is ticking. She brings her new 'high-octane' show to reckon with that early potential and ask: err, what now? #metoo, the Matriarchy, can you crowdsource a baby? The world is her cockle. The world is her oyster. Becky Brunning is in BLOOM. "Her comedy insinuates itself, forcing its way inexorably through the cracks in her audience's defences and flourishing there" Broadway Baby "Original, inventive and exciting" Sara Pascoe **** Australia Times *West of England Basketball Association.

MICHAEL FABBRI | AUG 1-25 | 15:30-16:30 [60 MIN]**MAIN ROOM @ CABARET VOLTAIRE**

Michael Fabbri, Star of Radio 4s Dyslexicon, has graced the global comedy circuit for many years. Furthermore, you are most welcome at his new standup show. An absolutely superb circuit headliner. London Is Funny Exceptionally funny, extremely sharp, hugely enjoyable. The Scotsman Startlingly insightful. The Guardian.

FOURTH COUSIN, ONCE REMOVED...FORCIBLY. | AUG 1-4, 7-11 | 15:30-16:30 [60 MIN]**UPSTAIRS @ THE GOLF TAVERN**

Meet Roberta Roberts... Distant cousin of Julia, former child-star (vegemite commercials) & experimental theatre visionary, determined to make her mark....or claim someone else's. From award-winning writer/performer Ali Kennedy Scott (The Day the Sky Turned Black, "Enthralling" NY Times) comes this stand-up/storytelling/character mash-up about the ties that bind us, the dreams that fuel us, and the hiccups and hi-jinks along the way. www.iamroberta.com.

NICKY WILKINSON: GAME ON | AUG 1-11, 13-25 | 15:45-16:45 [60 MIN]**LOCKUP 1 @ THE LOCKUP**

After her 2018 hit show 'Happy' ("Wilkinson's relatable, down-to-earth humour leaves us in stitches" **** - thisisradelaide.com.au), Wilkinson is back with an outrageously fun stand-up show. It's Game On! "Effortless likeability and excellent comic timing" - chortle.co.uk. Finalist of So You Think You're Funny and New Act of the Year, 2013. One half of multi award-winning physical comedy duo, The Kagools ("Surely one of the outright funniest pieces of the entire festival" ***** - tvbomb.co.uk).

LAUGHING HORSE FREE PICK OF THE FRINGE | AUG 1-25 | 15:45-16:45 [60 MIN]**THE GOTHIC ROOM @ THE FREE SISTERS**

See the very best comedians from across the Fringe, with a different top-notch comedy line-up each day. Three five shows every day, as the Laughing Horse's Pick of the Fringe returns to Edinburgh for its 16th year. ***** Cracking Comedy Selection Cream of the Fringe, UK **** "An extraordinary smorgasbord of British Talent" Herald Sun, Melbourne.

HARI KANTH: THIS TRAIN TERMINATES HERE | AUG 1-11, 13-25 | 15:50-16:50 [60 MIN]**LONG ROOM @ CABARET VOLTAIRE**

A comedy show about definitely not wanting children I think? The second debut hour from Hari Kanth: a 2014 BBC Radio New Comedy Award finalist, a 2012 Chortle Student Comedy Award finalist, and the presenter of BBC Brit's 'Socially Awkward Situations. Previous praise: "Refreshingly intelligent stand-up, that also manages to be achingly funny" (Young Perspective) "So bloody good" (The Skinny) "Hugely confident, hugely slick a welcome offbeat, slightly geeky sensibility?" (Bruce Dessau).

DR LARA LOVE: LOVE LEANS IN | AUG 1-11, 13-25 | 16:00-17:00 [60 MIN]**THE CAVE @ CABARET VOLTAIRE**

What is love? An unknown quantity, a mesmerising spiritual gift or a song by Haddaway?

WE'RE SORRY-CANADIAN COMEDY SHOWCASE | AUG 1-25 | 16:00-17:00 [60 MIN]**MAGGIE'S FRONT ROOM @ THE FREE SISTERS**

Back in Edinburgh for its 5th year, WE'RE SORRY! A rotating showcase of Canadian comedians in town for the fringe. You never know who will pop by. Hosted by Evan Desmarais.

CASPIAN AND CIARAN: THE MILKMEN | AUG 2-25 | 16:00-17:00 [60 MIN]**THE WEE ROOM @ THE FREE SISTERS**

Ciaran Chillingworth (Laughing Horse New Act of the Year 2018 Finalist) and Caspian James (Radio 4 & 4Extra) deliver a stand-up show brimming with creamy stories, semi-skimmed rants and dairy-alternative one liners straight to your ear doors.

ADRIAN TAUSS AND SASHA ELLEN: GET A ROOM | AUG 1-13, 15-25 | 16:10-17:10 [60 MIN]**CINEMA ROOM @ CABARET VOLTAIRE**

Adrian Tauss and Sasha Ellen are stand-ups who have been inappropriately funny in public and have been told to get a room. He makes children cry at parties and she cant stop talking about sex robots. Shes given up meat and now lives on cheese and he is from Switzerland, the original Brexit. A split bill stand-up show about love, modern life and the benefits of smoking. **** The Mumble Honest, hilarious and horrifying... the comedy future looks good for Ellen Canal-St Always engaging Chortle Material heard on BBC Radio 4

ADVENTURES IN DEMENTIA-STEVE DAY | AUG 1-10 | 16:15-17:15 [60 MIN]**LOCKUP 2 @ THE LOCKUP**

A bittersweet and heartfealt comedy about living with the effects of Dementia and the aftermath.

LEFT WING CONSPIRACY THEORIST WITH DYSPRAXIA 2 | AUG 11-18 | 16:15-17:15 [60 MIN]**LOCKUP 2 @ THE LOCKUP**

After, the success of his debut hour, gag merchant and political comedian Don Biswas returns to the festival with a brand new show WIP: Left Wing Conspiracy Theorist with Dyspraxia 2. As seen on the BBC Asian Network. With added MC.

CERY'S NELMES 80S GAMESHOW MASH-UP | AUG 19-25 | 16:15-17:15 [60 MIN]**LOCKUP 2 @ THE LOCKUP**

Join Cerys Nelmes and Stinky Bunting for retro audience participation, games, prizes, music and dancing!

THOMAS GREEN: TWEAK | AUG 18-25 | 16:45-17:30 [60 MIN]

MAGGIE'S CHAMBER @ THE FREE SISTERS

UK based Australian comedian Thomas Green, brings his engaging story-telling style stand-up, and face of elasticity back to Edinburgh. TWEAK is an hour of best bits and tweaks, in this very limited run. ***** "...gut aching moments where you're not sure if you can stop laughing. WOWfm *****½ "I honestly don't think I've laughed harder" Fresh 92.7 *****½ 'Green will have you in stitches.' The Advertiser ***** ...hes proof you don't need a gimmick to be great.' The List.

ES ARE GOOD | AUG 1-14 | 16:45-17:45 [60 MIN]

UPSTAIRS @ THE GOLF TAVERN

Eleri and Esiyllt are both from Aberystwyth, will fight you for the Bounties in a Celebrations box and have strong sexual feelings towards Bob Mortimer. But the thing that unites them most is: having names that literally nobody can flippin pronounce.

JENNY COLLIER: THE JEN COMMANDMENTS | AUG 1-25 | 16:45-17:45 [60 MIN]

MAIN ROOM @ CABARET VOLTAIRE

Multi award winning Collier is back with her brand new stand up show. 'Brilliant... Infectious to watch and a joy to behold ***** - VoiceMag.uk ***** Everyone leaves wishing they were her friend' (Arts Award Voice).

BATTLE OF THE SUPERHEROES: THE GREAT SUPERHERO DEBATE-FREE | AUG 1-13 | 17:00-18:00 [60 MIN]

THE GOTHIC ROOM @ THE FREE SISTERS

Following sell out shows for the last five years, a number of great and varied British and international comedians from around the Fringe come together once more in a mixture of stand-up comedy and interaction to decide who is the greatest superhero. A super fun night ***** (Adelaide Fringe 2015). 'Ingenious.....intimate, fun, and enjoyable' ***** (Adelaide Fringe 2017).

IRISH COMEDY INVASION | AUG 1-25 | 17:00-18:00 [60 MIN]

LOCKUP 1 @ THE LOCKUP

If you want a break from hearing about Trump and Brexit, and want a safe space where you will be able to hear Irish comedians (and one US Deep South Homeboy) talking about anything and everything else, Check out Irish Invasion. Four of the busiest and best on the circuit will be making Edinburgh their home (visas permitting), and bringing their badly skewed perspective on life, the multiverse and everything.

GEEKS, STAND UP! | AUG 14-25 | 17:00-18:00 [60 MIN]

THE GOTHIC ROOM @ THE FREE SISTERS

This show brings you some of the funniest comedians from around the Fringe to laugh, joke and talk passionately about their favourite geek passions. And what many don't understand about geekery, is that it's not all about computer games and superheroes; being a geek is what you're really passionate about. It could be wildlife, 18th-century authors or even your favourite sport or team. With an A-Team of revolving acts talking excitedly about their beloved subjects. A good show, comedy it will be. As Yoda might say.

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ABSOLUTE ZERO: JEZ WATTS | AUG 1-4, 6-11, 13-18, 20-25 | 17:15-18:15 [60 MIN]

THE CAVE @ CABARET VOLTAIRE

Fun, charming and playfully dirty, touring Australian comedian & Nasty Show host Jez Watts is back with a brand new hour of jokes, bits, stories & improvised songs for 2019. COMPLETE SELLOUT EDINBURGH FRINGE 2017 & 2018. ***** The Music.

GLENN GRIMWOOD: UNF*CKABLE | AUG 1-4, 6-11, 13-18, 20-25 | 17:15-18:15 [60 MIN]**THE WEE ROOM @ THE FREE SISTERS**

Glenn Grimwood has never been on TV so you know what he's doing must be good. One of Australia's most creatively dirty acts is bringing his full-length, width and girth show to Edinburgh. An hour of filth from a man who's well and truly unf*ckable. "One of Perth's Best" **** Winning At Failing "Perth Cult Comedy Favourite" **** The Australia Times "Hilarious" Gareth Reynolds (The Doldrop).

COMEDY FREAK SHOW | AUG 1-25 | 17:25-18:25 [60 MIN]**CINEMA ROOM @ CABARET VOLTAIRE**

'COME ONE, COME ALL TO THIS TRAGIC AFFAIR! COMEDY FREAK SHOW! A rotating bill of 5 different comedians awaits you, step right up to be blown away by those who dare call themselves FREAK!' Hosted by the Nations Sweetheart, Tom Lawrinson

ALCOHOL IS GOOD FOR YOU-SAM KISSAJUKIAN | AUG 1-5, 7-12, 14-19, 21-25 | 17:30-18:30 [60 MIN]**LOCKUP 2 @ THE LOCKUP**

Nominated for Best Comedy at Fringe World 2016 and sold out all 23 Edinburgh shows in 2016-18. Sam (Australia) has been crushing stand-up globally and this BRAND NEW show is even better than last year's. So join Sam for a drink and another hour of non-stop inebriated laughter. 'One of the best comedy acts I've ever seen' (Scoop.com.au, 2016). 'One of the best stand-up comedy shows I've seen in my life' ****½ (TulpaMagazine.com). 'Australian comedic virtuoso' ****½ (TheAustraliaTimes.com). 'Downright funny' **** (TheMusic.com.au). ***** (Bunbury Review UK)

THE RAT PACK COMEDY ANYTHING GOES! | AUG 1-25 | 17:45-18:45 [60 MIN]**MAGGIE'S CHAMBER @ THE FREE SISTERS**

The best stand-up comedy and cabaret! 6 sell-out years. 'Classy show' Time Out.

EVERS, BOOTH AND [NAME] | AUG 3-14 | 18:00-19:00 [60 MIN]**UPSTAIRS @ THE GOLF TAVERN**

Multimedia sketch show sponsored by Dank! (3-in-1 carpet cleaner, antifreeze and feminine moistwipe).

JAMES MEEHAN-NEVER BETTER | AUG 1-25 | 18:00-19:00 [60 MIN]**MAIN ROOM @ CABARET VOLTAIRE**

How am I doing? Never Better. A spanking new hour of comedy from Edinburgh Comedy Award winner and laidback Lancastrian James Meehan. A show about recovering from the brink, finding pleasure in little things, and revelling in the life that's been yours to enjoy all along. Since coming to Edinburgh for his first full run in 2013 James Meehan has been been back for sell out, critically acclaimed runs every year. In that time he has been nominated for best newcomer, won the Edinburgh Panel Prize, and written/performed/directed THIRTEEN 5 star reviewed shows, and received over 50 four and five star reviews in total. Reviews for previous stand-up shows... "Passionate, heartfelt, and very funny" - British Comedy Guide "This city's favourite stand up" - Manchester Wire His earnestness is compelling - The Scotsman Its personal touches that provide the moments of inspiration - The Skinny "Deserves to be heard" - The Sunday Times "Very Funny" - Shortcom All of what he has to say is genuinely important and needs to be heard - Broadway Baby More than great comedy, it is a call to stand up for others and ourselves. - Ed Fest Mag ***** Ed Fest Mag **** Shortcom **** Dark Chat **** Chuss Reviews Reviews for previous shows I've done... "exceptionally brilliant" - Reece Shearsmith **** The Skinny ***** Arts Award Voice ***** Broadway Baby ***** The Sunday Times ***** Shortcom **** Festmag **** Timeout **** The Metro **** Mail on Sunday **** The Guardian **** The Telegraph **** The Independent **** The Times **** Chortle

LAUGHING HORSE FREE PICK OF THE FRINGE | AUG 1-25 | 18:15-19:15 [60 MIN]**THE GOTHIC ROOM @ THE FREE SISTERS**

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SHAGGERS | AUG 1-25 | 18:15-19:15 [60 MIN]

LOCKUP 1 @ THE LOCKUP

The worldwide hit show returns with a line-up of superb and varied comedians from all around the Fringe doing material based around the hilarious, cheeky subject of shagging. A tour de force of laughter filled mischievous comedy ***** (ArtsInLeicestershire.co.uk). Excellent ***** (Audience Review, Edfringe.com). Utterly hilarious *****1/2 (Perth Fringe World). Possibly the best value show at the Festival ***** (Herald Sun, Melbourne).

DAVE CHAWNER: MENTAL | AUG 1-25 | 18:20-19:20 [60 MIN]

LONG ROOM @ CABARET VOLTAIRE

A show about mental health (rather than mental illness). As seen on BBC, ITV and Channel 4. As heard on BBC Radio 1, Radio 4 and Radio 5 Live. Hilariously entertaining The Mail on Sunday.

HENRY GINSBERG: ROMANTIC COMEDIAN CLAPTRAP | AUG 1-25 | 18:30-19:30 [60 MIN]

THE CAVE @ CABARET VOLTAIRE

Henry Ginsberg didn't lose his virginity, or have any romantic experiences to speak of at all until his late twenties. Now he's making up for lost time. Having been pigeonholed as a dark and cynical comic for many years, he's now on a mission to reveal himself as the passionate romanticist he's always felt himself to be. Following on from his acclaimed show *Molesting The Corpse Of Traditional Masculinity* Since 1987 (He's probably a shit comic-Katie Hopkins), *Romantic Comedian* explores themes of self-esteem, sexuality, gender-roles, and why Hitler was a bit of a bellend.

DARREN WALSH: PUNIMAL FARM | AUG 1-25 | 18:30-19:30 [60 MIN]

MAGGIE'S FRONT ROOM @ THE FREE SISTERS

Like puns? Think you've seen it Orwell before? Well, gammon check this out. Join Darren (ITV's 'Out There', BBC Edinburgh Presents, UK's first Pun Champion, WINNER - Dave's Joke of the Edinburgh Fringe 2015, WINNER - 'Best Joke' Leicester Comedy Festival Awards 2019, Dave's top 10 jokes of Edinburgh Fringe 2018) on the farm for a pun-packed adaptation of George Orwell's famous novel. Show filled with video sketches, 1-liners, jingles and general nonsense. (Don't come if you don't like puns) "Spot-on comic timing and really imaginative use of special effects" ***** - Bath Echo. ***** "Punbelievable!" - The Mirror. ***** - Sunday Express. ***** - Edinburgh Festivals Magazine. "Unstoppable tsunami of stupid puns." - Chortle. "A tall guy with a big talent for short jokes" - The Stage. Top 10 Jokes of the Edinburgh Fringe in The Guardian, The Mirror & The Scotsman.

AUSSIENTAL | AUG 1-5, 7-12, 14-19, 21-25 | 18:30-19:30 [60 MIN]

THE WEE ROOM @ THE FREE SISTERS

Laugh Mob presents Arnie Pie's new show; Aussiental. A show about how conflicting it was growing up in Australia as an Oriental. If you're in for an original spin on ethnic humour, this is the show for you.

LAURENCE TUCK: EXPERT IN FAILURE | AUG 1-9 | 18:40-19:40 [60 MIN]

CINEMA ROOM @ CABARET VOLTAIRE

Laurence Tuck is turning 40, and what has he done? Bugger all! He has been a cataclysmic failure. This show investigates the nature of his failure, and the reasons behind it. So you are invited to either enjoy a comedy show about one man's struggles to succeed, or just laugh at a pathetic human being in the schadenfreudian fashion that makes us all British. This show is about dreams, success, turning 40, reluctant fatherhood, suffering from OCD, bar-charts and Football Manager.

EDINBRA FRINGE COMEDY | AUG 1-25 | 18:45-19:45 [60 MIN]

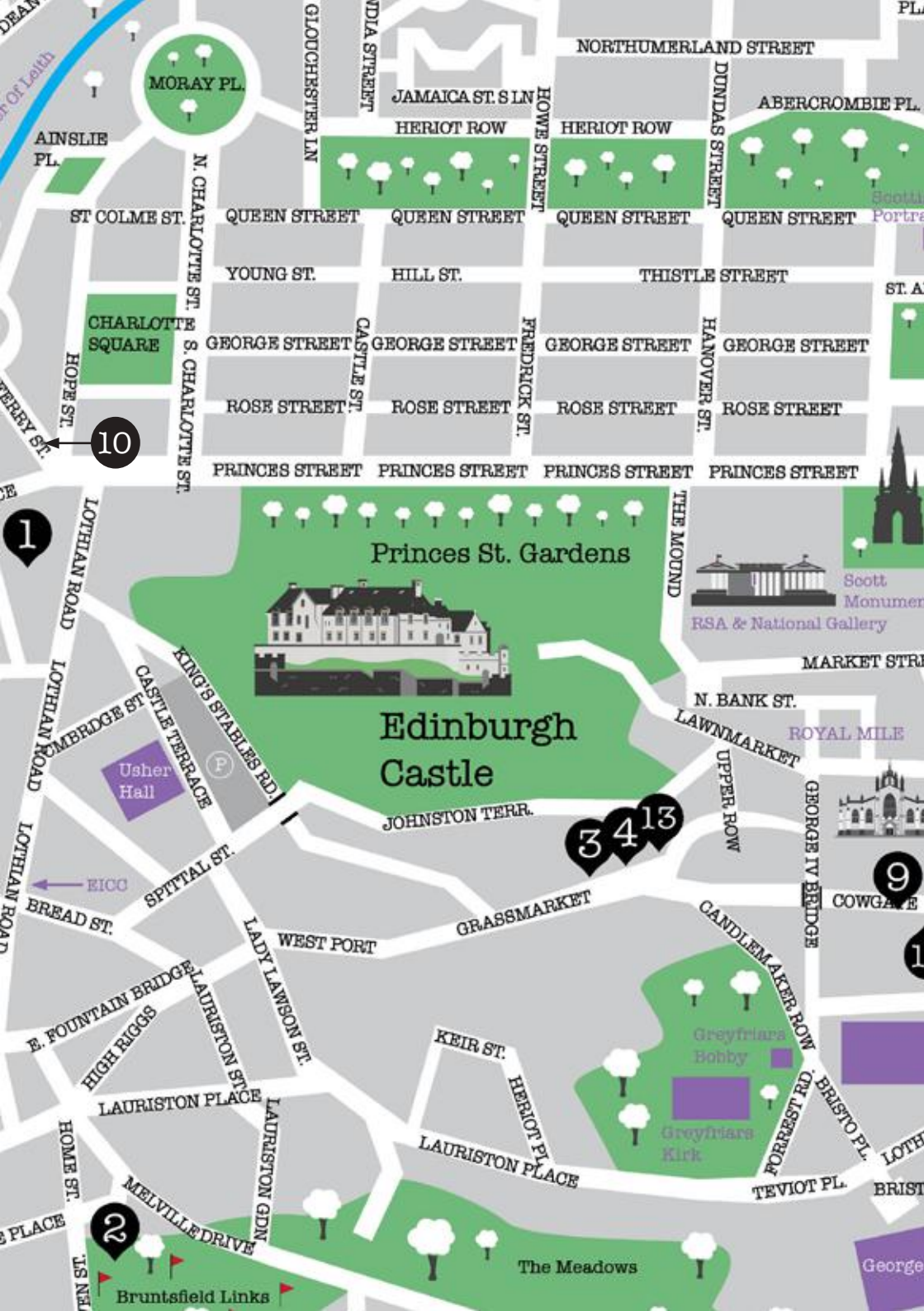
LOCKUP 2 @ THE LOCKUP

A revolving line-up of hilarious female comedians from around the Fringe with an hour of stand-up comedy to be enjoyed by all.

ELEANOR CONWAY: YOU MAY RECOGNISE ME FROM TINDER | AUG 2-12, 14-25 | 19:00-20:00 [60 MIN]

MAGGIE'S CHAMBER @ THE FREE SISTERS

Follow up to global smash 'Walk of Shame'. Eternal singleton, Eleanor Conway asks what do you do if you're bad at intimacy but good at sex?



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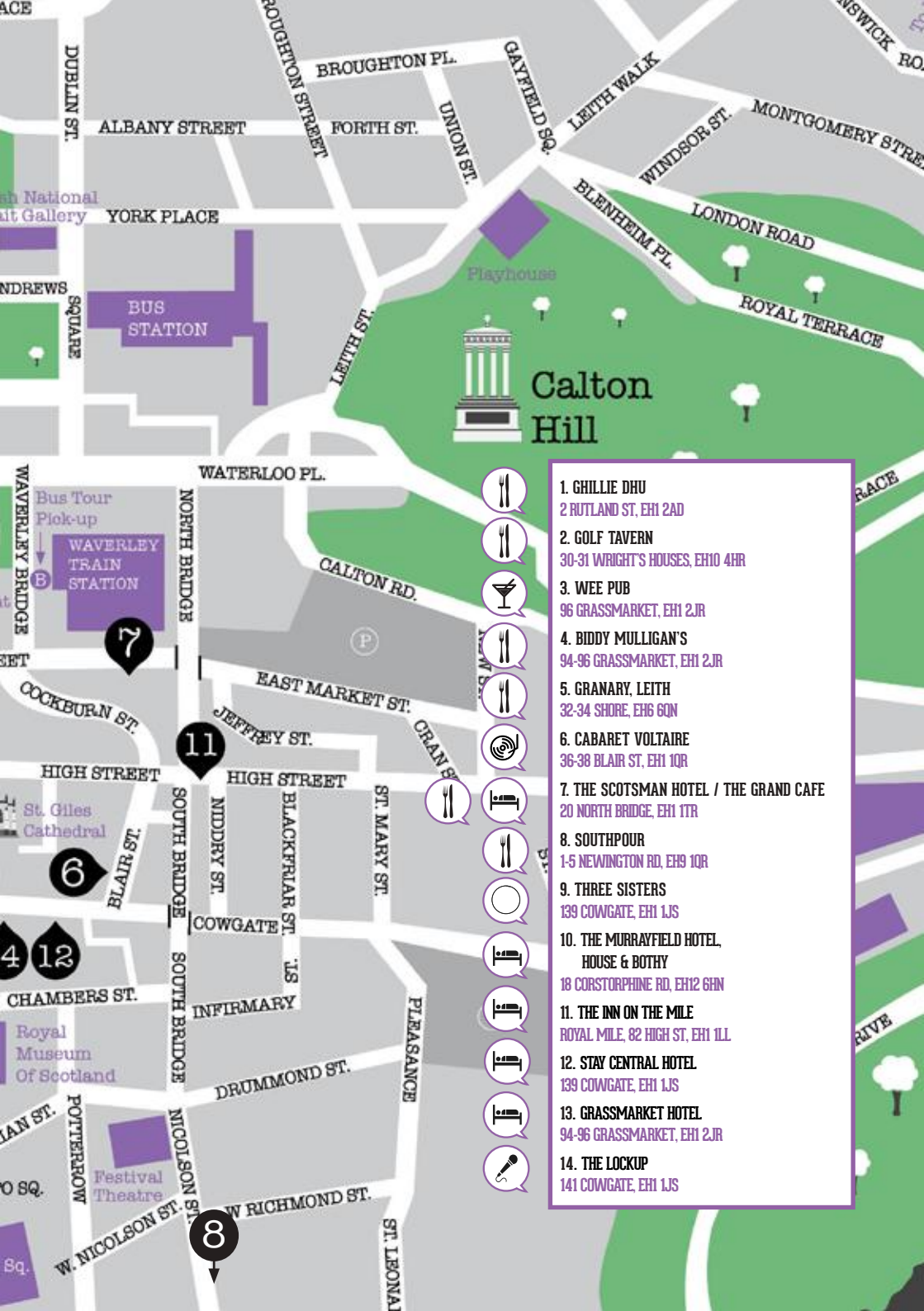
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MARTIN MOR-INSTIGATOR | AUG 1-25 | 19:15-20:15 [60 MIN]**MAIN ROOM @ CABARET VOLTAIRE**

INSTIGATOR a new hour of stand up comedy. A comedy institution The Guardian World Class The Scotsman. A terrifically funny and amiable man The Skinny. absolutely brilliant/hilarious at every turn Edinburgh Festivals Magazine Uproariously funny and utterly loveable, Mor is a wonderful entertainer and provider of many insights on life. Three Weeks A bearded behemoth of comedy mesmerising to watch Gulf Weekly If we could all live our lives more like Martin Mor, the world would be a much better, happier place. FEST. Mor's likeability is as massive as the man himself. FEST Martin is the act that has influenced me the most, the UK comedy circuit would not be the same without him. Frankie Boyle.

EW GIRL YOU NASTY-KATHARYN HENSON | AUG 1-5, 7-12, 14-19, 21-25 | 19:15-20:15 [60 MIN]**UPSTAIRS @ THE GOLF TAVERN**

This show was going to be titled "I Used to Buy Meth From My Friends' Dad" but that would have meant leaving out all material about the other drugs, the sex dungeon, the dog food, and everything else in between. These true stories sound like lies because they are delivered to you by someone who looks like preschool teacher but sounds like she gives away quarters at a casino. This curated mess is tasteless and chronicles the life and times of Katharyn Henson, a woman with a penchant for hedonism but the work ethic and credit score of the most text book Capricorn. She is not a doctor, she is not a lawyer, but she is from Reno, Nevada, the Ivy league of desert trash, and where this story begins. "Hilarious and intriguing. Katharyn brings her everything but ordinary life to the stage and had me in stitches. " - Joe Larson, America's Got Talent "I laughed so hard, I forgot I was having an outbreak. *****" - Chris from Brooklyn, High Society Radio "After watching Katharyn, I have never wanted to do meth more." - Maggie Lalley, Winner of Solocom Festival "Katharyn routinely makes me look good when I book her on podcasts and she is even funnier & more surprising in person. Her show does not disappoint." - Mike Harrington, Producer at GaS Digital.

AMY HOWERSKA: SERIOUS FACE | AUG 1-25 | 19:30-20:30 [60 MIN]**THE GOTHIC ROOM @ THE FREE SISTERS**

Non-TV famous, non-award-winning comic Amy Howerska returns because she has not yet learnt her lesson. However, she does have a ruddy new show and God loves a trier. Sardonic, charismatic and teasing THE SCOTSMAN.

ON IT | AUG 2-11, 13-25 | 19:30-20:30 [60 MIN]**LOCKUP 1 @ THE LOCKUP**

Michelle de swart's show ON IT is a hilarious frank take on how she made the transition from party girl who consumed a bottle of wine on a good day and couldn't chance a fart, to sober woman who turns up to things on time and doesn't sleep with your boyfriend. The party had to end some time, michelle just took a little bit longer than most and the result is an hour of side splitting humiliating stories from toilette cubicles to country estates michelle has made an absolute twat of her self and here she shares the best of the worst them and how her personal bottom made way for the top of what life was and what it is today and revels she still has one very embarrassing addiction she has yet to work on.

LAUGHING HORSE FREE PICK OF THE FRINGE | AUG 1-25 | 19:35-20:35 [60 MIN]**LONG ROOM @ CABARET VOLTAIRE**

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ANDREW ROPER-BREAK POINT | AUG 1-25 | 19:45-20:45 [60 MIN]**MAGGIE'S FRONT ROOM @ THE FREE SISTERS**

Sun, surf, skydiving and stand-up. What happens when you take a comedian from a London winter into an Aussie summer? Does life become an adrenaline fuelled Patrick Swayze surfing movie? Not so much. '20 years' experience in comedy really shines... Very funny and very well delivered' ***** (Short.co.uk). Impeccable delivery (Chortle.co.uk). Seriously, I jumped out of a plane and learnt to surf for this. If you want the ultimate rush, you have to pay the ultimate price But it's a free show, so that somewhat undermines the point I was making.

ACTING NATURAL | AUG 1-12, 14-25 | 19:45-20:45 [60 MIN]

THE WEE ROOM @ THE FREE SISTERS

George is trying to figure out how to act natural and he's using anything he can to get there. From acting classes to yoga and cults, all he wants is to act like everyone else does but he's not sure if he'll ever get there. Come and see if you ever feel like you need some more help acting natural.

COMEDY BOXING-BEST OF THE BEST | AUG 1-5, 7-12, 14-19, 21-25 | 19:45-20:45 [60 MIN]

THE CAVE @ CABARET VOLTAIRE

Comedians compete over four hilarious rounds of stand-up, improvisation, heckling and boxing. 'Comedic brilliance' ****½ (AustraliaTimes).

JAVIER JARQUIN: BORING AF | AUG 1-11, 13-25 | 20:00-21:00 [60 MIN]

LOCKUP 2 @ THE LOCKUP

Javier is boring. An utterly pain-staking and underwhelming human being. He's not one to watch. He has no buzz about him. No media attention and definitely no fan club. You're already bored reading about him and that's a GOOD thing. In an age where everyone is looking to be special, we've forgotten about the importance of shutting the hell up and blending in. A show for anyone who's ever failed to shine.

HALF THE MAN MICHAEL LIVESLEY | AUG 1-25 | 20:15-21:15 [60 MIN]

MAGGIE'S CHAMBER @ THE FREE SISTERS

Michael Livesley is half the man he was after dropping ten stones. Losing weight is a thermodynamic process eat less, move more but one complicated by emotional baggage. This is a show about fear and acceptance, oh and there will be laughs too! An outrageous talent Stephen Fry.

OXFORD REVUE: IN POOR TASTE | AUG 10-11 | 20:30-21:30 [60 MIN]

UPSTAIRS @ THE GOLF TAVERN

They laughed...well they're not laughing now. Debuting at the Edinburgh Fringe, the Oxford Revue presents: IN POOR TASTE, a bold new sketch comedy shows from the minds of Frankie Taylor and Joe Capel.

JOKE THIEVES | AUG 1-12, 14-25 | 20:30-21:30 [60 MIN]

MAIN ROOM @ CABARET VOLTAIRE

Comedy set swapping live! The cult hit show where comedians perform their own jokes, then each others'. Chortle Award winner Best Club Show London. Top five comedy shows of the year (List). Top 10 late nights out at the Fringe (Time Out). Top 25 shows at the Fringe (Comedy.co.uk). Featured on BBC Radio 4 Extra. 'A brilliant format' (Guardian). 'Birth of a new cult comedy night... an undoubted hit' (Chortle.co.uk). 'Spontaneous and anarchic' **** (Fest). 'A truly electric night' **** (Scotsman).

TIZIANO LA BELLA: YES WE CAN'T | AUG 12-25 | 20:30-21:30 [60 MIN]

UPSTAIRS @ THE GOLF TAVERN

ONE MC, ONE OPENER...THE HEADLINER! Many people think they can do anything but definitely can't. The aim of this show is to mock those people and the right person to do that is Tiziano La Bella, who thinks he can handle it, but definitely can't.

THE HUMAN SHOW | AUG 1-9 | 20:30-21:30 [60 MIN]

UPSTAIRS @ THE GOLF TAVERN

If the voices in your head tell you life is more complicated than you thought it would be, relax; you're only human.

JASPER CROMWELL JONES' ALTERNATIVE BOOK FESTIVAL | AUG 1-25 | 20:45-21:45 [60 MIN]

LOCKUP 1 @ THE LOCKUP

Famous adventurer and posh idiot Jasper Cromwell Jones (played by award winning comedian Joe Bor) presents an Alternative Book Festival with other weird and wonderful authors.

LAUGHING HORSE FREE PICK OF THE FRINGE | AUG 1-25 | 20:45-21:45 [60 MIN]**THE GOTHIC ROOM @ THE FREE SISTERS**

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LAUGHING HORSE FREE COMEDY SELECTION | AUG 1-25 | 20:50-21:50 [60 MIN]**THE LONG ROOM @ CABARET VOLTAIRE**

See the very best comedians from across the Fringe, alongside hot new talent and Fringe newcomers, with a different comedy line-up at each show, every day, as Laughing Horse's Comedy Selection returns to Edinburgh for its 16th year. Line-ups include performers selected from Fringe shows and the international comedy circuit, with guests from the best in new talent that is appearing at the Fringe and it's free! Sell-out shows Edinburgh Fringe 2004-2018. As seen in the UK, Australia and the USA. ***** Cracking Comedy Selection Cream of the Fringe, UK **** "An extraordinary smorgasbord of British Talent" Herald Sun, Melbourne **** Kept the Crowd well Entertained. Ace Rip It Up, Adelaide **** A Fantastic Night of Comedy I love these shows, the quality never slips ThreeWeeks, UK **** A fantastic variety and well-paced hour of comedy Yawp, Melbourne.

AIDAN 'TACO' JONES-52 DAYS | AUG 1-25 | 21:00-22:00 [60 MIN]**THE CAVE @ CABARET VOLTAIRE**

In 2012 I wrote a diary on a deck of playing cards, one for each week. Pick them out and I'll tell stories spanning three continents about heartbreak, prison, fireworks -- everything! The order's up to you. "An effortless and vulnerable charm seldom seen on the stand-up stage, even from the most famous comic minds" The Music (Melbourne Comedy Festival, 2018) **** Fringe Feed (FRINGE WORLD, 2019) Aidan Jones is known to his friends as Taco because when he was 15 the first girl he ever kissed thought he looked Mexican. He's Australian actually, and half Colombian, because his Mum got knocked up when she was backpacking around South America in her 20s. Not a joke. Aidan has been performing since 2012, and In August 2017 he performed his first full run at the Edinburgh Fringe with his solo show 'The Abersham Flat', before touring the show in Dublin, Barcelona, Paris and Berlin. He then returned to Australia, performing sold out runs at the Adelaide Fringe and Melbourne Comedy Festival in 2018. "A natural writer, Jones recounts the disquieting story with a light but compelling touch" Steve Bennett, Chortle.

GOOD EVENING EDINBURGH | AUG 1-4, 6-11, 13-18, 20-25 | 21:00-22:00 [60 MIN]**MAGGIE'S FRONT ROOM @ THE FREE SISTERS**

Sam (Australia) nominated for Best Comedy at Fringe World 2016. Sam shows you fun & funny for an hour of non stop hilarity. It's Sam's 5th year at Fringe, so you're in capable comedy hands. 'Extremely talented individual' ***** (Bunbury Magazine 2018) 'Unceasingly funny' ****1/2 (TulpaMagazine.com). 'Comedic virtuoso' ****1/2 (TheAustraliaTimes.com). 'Brilliantly twisted absurdity' ****1/2 (WinningAtFailing.com).

JUSTIN MATSON: TRY HARDER | AUG 1-4, 6-11, 13-18, 20-25 | 21:00-22:00 [60 MIN]**THE WEE ROOM @ THE FREE SISTERS**

Los Angeles based comedian and self-help guru Justin Matson returns to Edinburgh with a new one-hour motivational seminar of immersive stand-up comedy to help turn your life around, but better!

SPRING DAY: WHEN PUSH COMES TO SHOVE | AUG 1-25 | 21:05-22:05 [60 MIN]**CINEMA ROOM @ CABARET VOLTAIRE**

Expect a fun night of sharp, well-crafted and mischievous stand-up that will tickle your fancy and your heart if you have one. It's a show about what we love to hate and why we hate to love.

SALFUNNI COMEDY | AUG 1-13 | 21:15-22:15 [60 MIN]**LOCKUP 2 @ THE LOCKUP**

Stand Up and Sketch from Salford Universitys Comedy Students. See the future of comedy today!

EVEN MORE TWISTED | AUG 14-18 | 21:15-22:15 [60 MIN]

LOCKUP 2 @ THE LOCKUP

Aaron Ayjay continues to take you down the dark and twisted road of musical comedy in "Even More TWISTED", with his not so trusted six string "Lola", taking on topics such as relationships, the government, head injuries and overly amorous pets."

NEEDLE DICKS | AUG 19-25 | 21:15-22:15 [60 MIN]

LOCKUP 2 @ THE LOCKUP

Funny, young, hot and one of them is ethnic. Character and stand-up comedy brought to you by award-winning stand-up comedian Jacob Hatton (BBC Radio 4, Soho Theatre Young Company) and co-founder of online sketch group sensation Third Leg Studios, Joel Stern (BBC Three, ITV). 'Endorphin-milking titterfest' **** (MumbleComedy.net). 'Attuned to the human psyche' (BroadwayBaby.com).

99 CLUB STAND-UP SELECTION-FREE | AUG 1-25 | 21:30-22:30 [60 MIN]

MAGGIE'S CHAMBER @ THE FREE SISTERS

Proudly supporting the Free Festival with a daily selection of four of the best comics at the Fringe. The 99 Club has won the Chortle Award for Best London Comedy Club for eight years running and has been featured on ITV, BBC Two and Radio 4.

CARTE BLANCHE WITH UNCLE CHARLOTTE & AUNT SCOTT | AUG 1-18 | 21:45-22:45 [60 MIN]

UPSTAIRS @ THE GOLF TAVERN

Carte Blanche with Uncle Charlotte & Aunt Scott. Charlotte Macdonald and Scott McPherson's comedy partnership, is underpinned by a no nonsense and fun attitude to life! Experience a comedy show, where you the audience, can leave your inhibitions at the door, and enter the comedy world of Charlotte and Scott. You will be entertained by Uncle Charlotte's 'Tales from Brooklyn & Beyond'. And, Aunt Scott's near miss at an early opportunity of fame, to being misunderstood through his teenage years and beyond! Enjoy the show. Charlotte and I look forward to meeting you! Charlotte & Scott xx

THE NASTY SHOW AUSTRALIA | AUG 1-4, 6-11, 13-18, 20-25 | 22:00-23:00 [60 MIN]

THE GOTHIC ROOM @ THE FREE SISTERS

A selection of the festivals finest comedians getting as filthy as they possibly can. Hosted by Jez Watts (AUS - Absolute Zero) & Glenn Grimwood (AUS - Unfuckable) **** 1/2 - The Fourth Wall **** The Music **** "A Masterclass in Smut" Australia Times.

COMEDY STRIPTEASE | AUG 1-5, 7-12, 14-19, 21-25 | 22:00-23:00 [60 MIN]

LOCKUP 1 @ THE LOCKUP

High calibre stand up mixed with loose, wild & sexy late night antics.

ROAST BATTLE EDINBURGH | AUG 1-25 | 22:15-23:15 [60 MIN]

MAGGIE'S FRONT ROOM @ THE FREE SISTERS

Roast Battle UK puts two comedians head-to-head in a battle of wit and put-downs. Each comic gets 5 jokes to roast their opponent. "a no-holds-barred contest of comedic athleticism, brazen putdowns and lightning-fast comebacks." BroadwayBaby *****

ANDREW SILVERWOOD: CALL ME JANICE | AUG 1-25 | 22:15-23:15 [60 MIN]

THE WEE ROOM @ THE FREE SISTERS

Last year, comedian, Andrew Silverwood, found himself on a date to the worst place on Earth, standing in the gift shop, surrounded by postcards of bad men. ****(Weekend Notes) ****(Fourth Wall) ****(The Adelaidian).

HEAVENLY COMEDY EDINBURGH | AUG 2-11, 13-23 | 22:15-23:15 [60 MIN]

THE CAVE @ CABARET VOLTAIRE

Njambi McGrath NATYS 2019 Winner will be showcasing the best up and coming comedians.

SHAGGERS | AUG 1-25 | 22:45-23:45 [60 MIN]

MAGGIE'S CHAMBER @ THE FREE SISTERS

The hit show returns with comedians at the Fringe doing hilarious material based around shagging.

COSMIC COMEDY BERLIN | AUG 1-25 | 23:15-00:15 [60 MIN]

THE GOTHIC ROOM @ THE FREE SISTERS

Come and join us for a wunderbar time at Cosmic Comedy Berlin hosted by Dharmander Singh. Laugh your Lederhosen off at a wide range of topics from the flourishing Berlin English comedy scene. You don't have to be German or Berliner to find it funny!

CLAPTRAP | AUG 1-12, 15-25 | 23:30-00:30 [60 MIN]

THE WEE ROOM @ THE FREE SISTERS

Pithy and precocious standup from up-and-coming comedians Becky Povall and Jessie Nixon. Expect a warm welcome, zesty observations and a dollop of wit and whimsy from two women who cannot be pigeon-holed. Esoteric, audacious, enigmatic; is there no word they can't look up in a thesaurus? So You Think You're Funny Semi-finalist 2018, Funny Womens One to Watch 2018, Pundemonium Finalist 2018, Comedy Launchpad Finalist 2019

LATE NIGHT COMEDY DEATH CAMP | AUG 1-25 | 23:30-00:30 [60 MIN]

THE CAVE @ CABARET VOLTAIRE

Henry Ginsberg presents a possibly anarchic, probably slightly depraved and almost certainly alcohol fuelled showcase of the best stand up comedy from this years fringe. Hopefully, everybody makes it out alive!

SANTIAGO SUCKS A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN'S COCK (AND OTHER #1 HITS) | AUG 1-6, 8-13, 15-20, 22-25 23:30-00:30 [60 MIN]

MAGGIE'S FRONT ROOM @ THE FREE SISTERS

A combination of stand-up comedy, crowd work and improvised music. Santiago takes you on a journey through the dark underbelly of sexuality, drugs, desire, capitalism and spins it all into very stupid songs you can dance to.

THE RAT PACK COMEDY ANYTHING GOES! [LATE] | AUG 1-25 | 00:15-01:15 [60 MIN]

MAGGIE'S CHAMBER @ THE FREE SISTERS

The Rat Pack stand-up comedy returns for a 7th year after 6 sell-out years with the Free Festival. This year expect the usual best in stand-up comedy plus NEW this year the best in cabaret! Anything Goes!! Classy show. Laid-back, cheesy, joyful fun and a wonderfully friendly vibe. Time Out.

TREE FIDDY COMEDY | AUG 1-25 | 00:30-01:30 [60 MIN]

THE GOTHIC ROOM @ THE FREE SISTERS

The best comics perform jokes on daily topical themes with the goal of winning a freaking medal!

GHOST ORGY | AUG 1-25 | 00:45-01:45 [60 MIN]

THE CAVE @ CABARET VOLTAIRE

Ghost Orgy: A late-night stand-up comedy show exploring sex and the supernatural.

NATHAN HURD: COLOUR BLIND | AUG 1-25 | 00:45-01:45 [60 MIN]

THE WEE ROOM @ THE FREE SISTERS

Come see the best show you've never seen. Nathan Hurd Color Blind! You will laugh, you will cry (mostly because you are laughing so hard) and you will get to see a black albino do stand up comedy. Which, lets be honest you have never seen before!

GAMING UNDER THE INFLUENCE | AUG 1-5, 7-12, 14-19, 21-25 | 00:45-01:45 [60 MIN]

MAGGIE'S FRONT ROOM @ THE FREE SISTERS

Standup comedians compete for your affection with jokes and then battle head to head with different video games nightly. Unpredictable hilarity, audience challenges, and intoxicated comedians make for a new and unique show every night.

CABARET

THE NEWCASTLE REVUE: TYNE AND TYNE AGAIN | AUG 12-25 | 15:30-16:30 [60 MIN]

UPSTAIRS @ THE GOLF TAVERN

Newcastle Comedy Society have been hard at work getting their show together, and have come agonisingly close to succeeding. They really want to improve the Fringe, and have decided the one thing its really lacking is student comedy. Theyve been tried to get this Revue show to stand out from the rest though, and they reckon theyve done it by making it, get this, funny. Ruled with an iron fist by the domineering Promoter, watch these poor, starving comedians try to fill an hour with an eclectic mix of sketch and stand-up. Life, death and art are just some of the things they wont be covering. Can they do it? Or will the wrath of the Promoter get the better of them? From the society that has produced writers including a Philip Richardson Comedy Award winner, two Chortle Student Comedy Award semi-finalists and two comedians seen on Dave, all with a reputation for hilarity and originality (The Courier).

SHAMELESS BERLIN PRESENTS: A PUSSY POWERED PROTEST | AUG 21-25 | 18:00-19:00 [60 MIN]

UPSTAIRS @ THE GOLF TAVERN

Shameless is a showcase featuring a motley bunch of infamous international artists crafting cabaret, comedy, music and puppets that will make your pants wet (in a good way). Join us for a hedonistic hour of weird, funny and confusing entertainment.

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1st August – 25th August 2019

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THEATRE

I AM THE HORRIBLE THING | AUG 1-2, 5, 8 | 11:00-12:00 (60 MIN)

THE WEE ROOM @ THE FREE SISTERS

Greg will give you £5 if you come to this show. No joke. The first 10 people to come and stay the whole time will get £5. Greg almost died on vacation in Costa Rica. Now he wants to tell you the whole funny/sad story and about the time he painted his penis purple in Hawaii. This is a true story. Greg is a lifelong improv comic, but in this show he does something a little different. He does not go for the quick laugh. He relives his near-death experience so deeply you won't know if he gets out alive until the very end. 'Deeply effecting life-or-death story' (Charleston City Paper).

TOM SHORT'S WHEEL OF MISFORTUNE | AUG 1-25 | 12:45-13:45 (60 MIN)

MAGGIE'S CHAMBER @ THE FREE SISTERS

Tricks and performance art.

LOSING MY MINDFULNESS | AUG 9-25 | 18:40-19:40 (60 MIN)

CINEMA ROOM @ CABARET VOLTAIRE

Do you want to feel calmer, more focused and relaxed? Imagine a life where daily stress just floats by like a cloud in the sky, not a rain cloud, a nice one, a fluffy one. Yeah, do you want that? You know you do, dont you? Join me at my mindfulness workshop where we can leave our baggage behind and be in the moment, even if that moment is not quite what you thought it would be, cos hey, what is?! Sometimes that moment is f*cking terrible. Im joking. See, mindfulness can be fun. Fun and calm.

JOCK TAMSON'S BAIRNS | AUG 21-22, 25 | 19:00-22:00 (180 MIN)

AUDITORIUM @ GHILLIE DHU

Part drag, part interactive cabaret, this 180-minute theatrical experience explores queer culture and the bystander effect. Set in an after-hours gay bar, it mixes storytelling with live music performances and open space discussion. 'Consistently powerful' (List).

WHO DID I THINK SHE WAS? | AUG 1-25 | 19:55-20:55 (60 MIN)

CINEMA ROOM @ CABARET VOLTAIRE

Follow Peter and Shirley through adolescence and cross-dressing in their desperate search for love.

MOTHER AND THE MONSTER | AUG 19-25 | 21:45-22:45 (60 MIN)

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How long can you keep a secret? Charlotte White is a retired prop-maker who once worked with some of Hollywood's greatest legends. Her sudden disappearance from the world of film has been much discussed but the truth has never been revealed...can a young journalist change that? When Charlotte agrees to an interview, she is hoping she'll be able to keep the details of her history private. But a voice from the cupboard keeps telling her to finally tell the world the truth. A funny and poignant piece of theatre -www.alledinburghtheatre.com Certainly set[s] the bar incredibly high quick witted -The Student A witty, engaging show, perfect for those who love to peek at what goes on behind the scenes of great movies. Mother and the Monster gives a voice to those who are often shunned to the back, and gives teeth to some who were robbed of their chance to shine. First performed in 2017, the story of Mother and the Monster has only gained in relevance as we examine how women are treated in our great cultural institutions and whose stories get told.

10:00-10.45 | DANCE

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ZERO HOUR / WITHOUT YOUR PERMISSION | AUG 11-18 | 10:00-10:45 [45 MIN]

THE WEE ROOM @ THE FREE SISTERS

Without Your Permission comments on how the female body is policed and manipulated through the ever-changing politics of abortion. It uses strong, powerful movement to show the strength of women with the aim of encouraging the conversation about female reproductive rights with our audience members. Zero Hour is a contemporary dance show that depicts the loss of perception of time in an abstract movement form. It uses a combination of musical scores and movement to portray the loss of perception of time felt when a person suffers a mental illness-such as depression.

16:45-17:45 | MUSICALS AND OPERA

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SYNESTHESIA THE MUSICAL | AUG 15-25 | 16:45-17:45 [60 MIN]

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Synesthesia: the Musical, a colorful story told with music; written and performed by Jillian Vitko. She gives you a raw look at her experiences of love and heartbreak through the lens of synesthesia, a rare condition where she experiences colors through her other senses and through other people. She can smell purple and taste green. She can fall in love with someone who's blue. This allows her a unique glimpse into someone's soul. Her acoustic guitar chords will emanate insight into how this has impacted her life. She sings her way through her darkest times to get to the rainbow at the end, and when it's over, you just might see the world a little differently. Like she does.

17:15-18.15 | CHAT SHOWS

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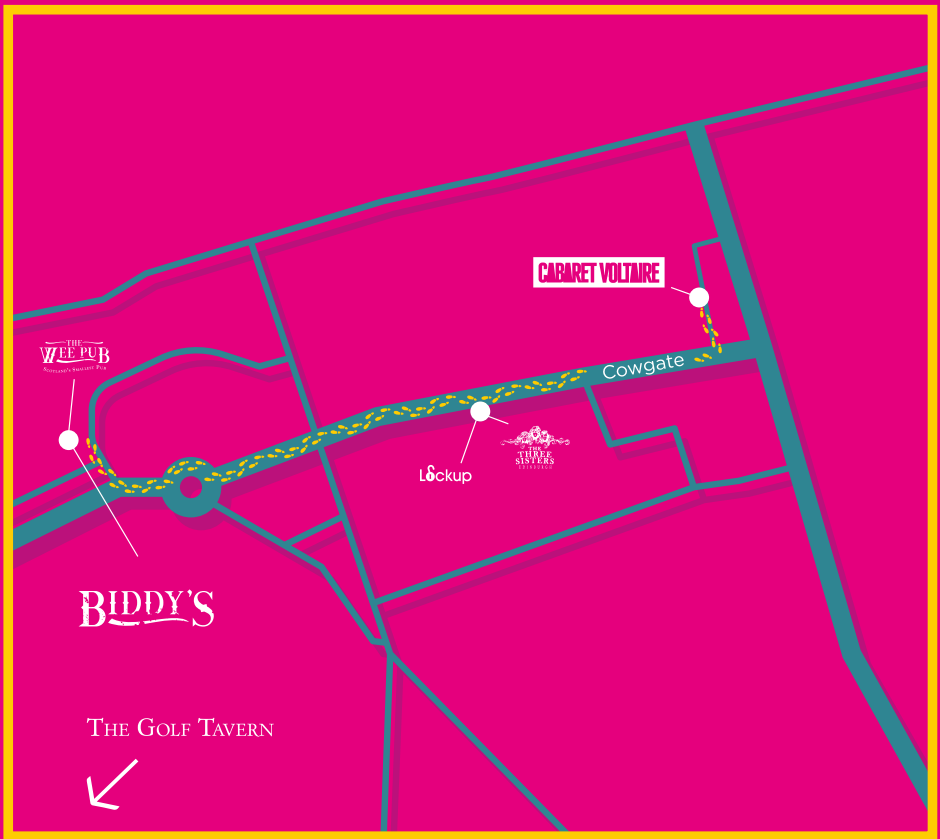
LAUGHING HORSE FREE BEST IN COMEDY CHAT SHOW | AUG 1-12, 14-18, 20-25 | 17:15-18:15 [60 MIN]

MAGGIE'S FRONT ROOM @ THE FREE SISTERS

This chat show is the perfect way to start your Fringe day, as you spend an hour in the company of Vladimir McTavish, one of the finest stand-ups on the Scottish comedy circuit. Visit this early-evening soiree which brings you the very best in chat and stand-up comedy from three of the Fringe's best performers, selected from venues all around Edinburgh by its top-notch Scottish comedy host. 'Gleefully indulgent. Highly appealing' **** (Guardian). 'Scotland's top satirical stand-up' **** (Morning Star).

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