

Edinburgh Fringe 2017



Alex Kealy: The Art Of The Keal

Just Up The Road at Just The Tonic at The Caves
3 - 27 August (not 14) @ 4.20pm

Images Footage

'Hilarious and endearing...fresh, insightful, and original...crafts the sort of lines people wish they'd thought of themselves...Alex Kealy is a name to watch'

★★★★ FringeGuru

Liberal democracy is having a rough old time. Reactionary nationalism is on the rise (except for Scottish Nationalism which is of course progressive and pure in absolutely every way). America - well, its electoral college - has put a vengeful baby in the White House and Britain has chosen this moment to smear a turd on its closest European allies / gloriously take back control (delete as appropriate).

As ever, the centre-left is brilliant at getting mad and crap at getting even. The right has clear, simple messages - can the left do the same for the complex challenges society faces? Immigrants are demonised when most unemployment stems from automation - but "It's Algorithms, Not Albanians" ain't exactly as snappy as "Make America Great Again".

Recent democracy sceptic and atonal singer, Alex Kealy, has a well-intentioned crack at answering these questions but reserves the right to veer off topic if great jokes and top bantz demand it.

“Ferociously quick-witted...interactive ingenuity that perfectly complements his fast tempo show, without ever overshadowing his flawless script.” ★★★★★ *EdFringeReview*

Alex Kealy was a **So You Think You're Funny** Finalist in his first year of stand-up and since then has performed on **BBC Radio Four Extra** as part of the **BBC New Comedian Award**, as well as reaching the final of the **Hobgoblin Comedy Award** amongst other new act competitions. Alex also runs **The Comedy Grotto** in King's Cross, a fortnightly charity fundraiser comedy night. **Time Out** praises its “consistently excellent line-ups” that have “comedy connoisseurs drooling” while *The Independent* raves about its “always well-programmed bashes.”

‘The ease with which Kealy handles the room and his pinpoint political commentary add up to an enjoyable performance, while his ability to make the horrendous hilarious is a solid grounding for some marvellous stand-up.’

The Skinny

‘Sure to be a hit...Clever and original...Kealy's style worked a treat.’

Broadway Baby

‘Sharp comedy...has the potential to be very big and when he is big it will be well deserved.’

The Northern Powerhouse

Full Listing:

Title: Alex Kealy - The Art of the Keal

Venue: Just Up The Road at Just The Tonic at The Caves

Fringe venue number: 88

Address: 8-12 Niddry Street South Edinburgh, Scotland EH1 1NS

EdFringe link: <https://tickets.edfringe.com/whats-on/alex-kealy-the-art-of-the-keal>

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Dates: August 3 - 27 (not 14)

Reviewers invited from: August 4

Time: 4.20pm

Age: 16+

Duration: 1 hour

Entry: Free (Donations) or £5 to reserve in advance

Twitter: <http://www.twitter.com/AlexKealy>

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Audio: <https://soundcloud.com/alex-kealy/alex-kealy-2016-bbc-new-comedy-entry>

Images: <http://tinyurl.com/mexavpp>

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