

Edinburgh Fringe 2018: Comedy



Alex Kealy: A Kealy's Heel

Cabaret Voltaire (Long Room), Laughing Horse Free Festival
2 - 26 August @ 17:15

'Crafts the sort of lines people wish they'd thought of themselves...Alex Kealy is a name to watch'

★★★★ FringeGuru

Political comedian & ball of anxiety Alex Kealy trains his sights on love and politics. It's territory already covered by War & Peace, Life & Fate and Ant & Dec; luckily, Kealy's "unique brand of political comedy...doesn't just resort to the usual cheap shots, his comedy is well thought out and insightful" ★★★★★ (TheatreWeekly.com).

Politically everything is on fire - except it has been for 2 years. It's strange to be simultaneously bored and terrified. Maybe Trump and Brexit are distractions. The housing crisis is at a point where the eighth J.K. Rowling book might as well be *Harry Potter and the Affordable Two Bedroom Flat*. Unchecked capitalism inflames humanity's insatiability and overanalysis, stopping us from leading The Good Life.

But what can Alex Kealy, a socially awkward centrist who hates political chants far more than he agrees with any ideology, do? At least Alex has fallen in love this year; here's hoping he doesn't ruin that with those same overanalysing tendencies. Still, "his ability to make the horrendous hilarious is a solid grounding for some marvellous stand-up." ([The Skinny](#)).

'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 made the [Evening Standard's Top Jokes of Edinburgh 2017](#). He was also featured in the iNews' [100 of the best ever jokes and one-liners from the Edinburgh Fringe](#)

Alex 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."

'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 - A Kealy's Heel
Venue: Cabaret Voltaire (Long Room), Laughing Horse Free Festival
Venue number: 338
Address: 36-38 Blair St, Edinburgh EH1 1QR
EdFringe link: <https://tinyurl.com/y93ht4bq>
Tel: 0131 247 4704
Dates: August 2 - 26
Reviewers invited from: August 3
Time: 17;15
Age: 16+
Duration: 1 hour
Entry: Free (Donations)

Previews:

12th June, Star of King's, King's Cross, London
17th June, Top Secret Comedy Club afternoon preview
26th June, Star of King's, King's Cross, London
7th July, 2Northdown (all-dayer)
10th & 24th & 28th July, Star of King's, King's Cross

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

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