## Edinburgh Fringe 2018: Comedy



## Andrew Roach Talent Presents Laura Lexx: Trying

The Turret, Gilded Balloon Teviot 1 - 26 August (not 15) @ 17:15

## 'Real comedic steel' The Guardian

'One can only hope there's some life-altering catastrophe around the corner for Laura Lexx.' So said one Fringe reviewer in 2015.

Luckily, the award-winning comedian with 'superb material, brilliant delivery and irresistible personality', (\*\*\*\* TV Bomb), has had a breakdown! Yay!

Recently, Laura has been busy hosting on BBC Radio 4 Extra's Comedy Club, winning the UK Comedy Award and being nominated for a Chortle Award for the third time. However, for most of 2017 Laura was trying to get through therapy, trying the patience of everyone, and trying unsuccessfully for a baby. Given all that, Laura wasn't at the Edinburgh Fringe last year - instead she was in a tent in France with two small children and her mother looking for answers.

This year she's back in Scotland with considerably more jokes than answers. She's done trying now; it's time to laugh.

## 'One of the most delightful performers you're ever likely to see' GQ

**Laura Lexx** is an award-winning comedian and writer. She won Best MC at the 2017 UK Comedy Awards and was nominated for Best Compere in the 2016, 2017 and 2018 Chortle Comedy Awards. She also was a finalist for the Amused Moose Comedy Award, Paramount Student Comedy Award, Chortle Student Comedy Award and Funny Women Award. Laura has gigged at comedy clubs and festivals all over the UK and in Europe, as well as supporting Jason Manford, Tim Vine and Russell Kane on tour.

Laura's screen and radio credits include hosting *The Comedy Club* (BBC Radio 4 Extra), and appearing on *Motherhood: Bump, Birth & Beyond* (BBC Radio 4 Extra), *Sam Delaney's News Thing* (RT UK), *How Hacks Work* (Viasat Explore) and *The Jason Manford Show* (Absolute Radio).

In 2016, Laura's 'sexist heckler' video had over 288k views (click <u>here</u> to see it). The Daily Mail, Evening Standard, The Independent and Huffington Post UK were among those who covered the story.

As well as writing her own popular **blog**, Laura has had articles published by the likes of Glamour and Standard Issue and she has also recently written a comedy drama series which has subsequently been optioned for television.

*Trying* is directed by Jess Fostekew who has also directed Sara Pascoe and last year's Edinburgh Comedy Award newcomer nominee, Lauren Pattinson.

'A joy...roars of laughter' The Independent
'Incredibly engaging...it's difficult to see what will stop her success' The Skinny
'A feel good bonanza, oozing positivity...as a performer, she's cute, effervescent and super-personable' Chortle
'an uplifting comedy experience...Lexx is truly on her way to great success' Edinburgh Festivals Magazine
'she successfully combines the comedy with real heart – a sure-fire sign of a Fringe success.' TV Bomb \*\*\*\*
'a charming, personable comic with a solid set of routines and twinkling manner' The Scotsman
'an alarmingly competent stand-up; her presence and delivery is faultless''

'an hour's insight into her merry life wasn't enough...hilarious, kind-hearted and genuine comedy.'

The Skinny

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\*\*\*\* <u>Edinburgh Festivals Magazine</u> \*\*\*\* TV Bomb \*\*\*\* <u>Short Com</u> \*\*\*\* <u>Fest Mag</u> \*\*\*\* <u>Funny Women</u> \*\*\*\* <u>one4review</u> \*\*\*\* <u>Broadway Baby</u> **Full Listing:** 

Title: Laura Lexx: Trying Venue: The Turret, Gilded Balloon Teviot, Teviot Row House, 13 Bristo Square, Edinburgh EH8 9AJ Gilded Balloon link: https://tinyurl.com/ybs/nhq5 EdFringe link: https://tinyurl.com/y9uyypv2 Dates: 1 - 26 August (not 15) Press from: 2 August Time: 17:15 Age: 16+ Duration: 1 Hour Entry: £7.50 - £9.50 (£6 previews, 1-3 August), 2-for-1 on August 6 & 7

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Footage:

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