

Edinburgh Fringe 2018: Comedy



Leo Kears: Right Wing Comedian

Pravda @ Espionage
2 - 26 (not 14) @ 7.30pm

'Kears is seriously good. Quick, funny, smart, to the point...hilarious'
The Scotsman

Scottish Comedian of the Year, Leo Kears rips into liberals in his follow up to last year's sellout hit *I Can Make You Tory*. He takes a scalpel to male feminists, Labour antisemites, fat activists, environmentalists, white male privilege, #MeToo and much more. He presents a robust defence of Donald Trump, celebrates consumerism, breaks down prejudice against the white working class and shows the inherent immorality and impracticality of socialism. If you want to escape the liberal bubble of the Edinburgh Fringe and see a raw, hilariously antagonistic show from a man who can't help speaking his mind, this is the show for you.

'He churns out the gags, provoking a steady stream of laughs in his tight set, which strides purposefully between topics with muscular, efficient lines on each.'
Steve Bennett, Chortle

Lanky Scot, **Leo Kears** is part of the new wave of raw, bold, American-inspired comedians taking the big UK clubs by storm. He gigs for the Comedy Store, Top Secret, Hot Water, Just The Tonic and Shoreditch House and has toured internationally, with 2018 taking him as far as Belarus and Tasmania.

Leo has a major role in controversial video game series *Super Seducer*, in **Super Seducer 2**, out in September.

As well as straight stand-up, he also performs at festivals and cabaret nights as the improvising 'Pun Man', and holds the 2015 **Dave TV UK Pun Champion** title. Leo is also the co-creator of sell-out show **Hate 'n' Live**, which has top comedians hate on audience suggestions. Leo won **Scottish Comedian of the Year** in 2017. He was also part of the 5* (*The Upside News*) **Magical Mystery Comedy Coach Tour** at the Adelaide Fringe this year. A regular co-presenter on **TalkSPORT Extra Time** and **Fubar Radio's Mark Dolan Eats The News**, Leo also appeared on **ITV's Dinner Date** and **Britain's Got Talent**, **BBC Two's Funny Business** and **Al Jazeera**, as well as having viral YouTube hits featured in **Metro** and the **Daily Mail**. Leo will be starring as Mick Fleetwood in the **ITV** produced programme: *Breaking the Band: Fleetwood Mac*, airing in June.

Aside from performing, Leo's written for some of the biggest names in comedy and supplied material used for shows including *Question Time*, *Sam Delaney's News Thing* and **BBC Radio Scotland's Breaking The News**.

Other appearances and media credits include: **STV**, **BBC World Service**, **RT**, **Radio 5 Live** and features in **The Sunday Times**, **The Independent**, **The Herald** and **The Scotsman**. Leo's had articles about Jeremy Corbyn, class privilege and right wing comedy published in **The Independent** and **Fringepig**.

'A solid hour of honest funny which will change your attitude'
Kate Copstick, The Scotsman

'A giant of the art'
Steve Bennett, Chortle

'Very funny, very dirty, occasionally shocking, but edgily likeable and happily endearing, eliciting the guilty pleasure of laughter from a wide-eyed audience'
The List ****

'Very tall and very funny... such energy and aplomb that the audience is left powerless to resist... one of the most enjoyable shows of the Fringe'
Three Weeks ****

'Warm, VERY funny...some of us completely lost it in fits of giggles.'
The Clothesline (for Adelaide Fringe festival 2018) 4.5 stars

Full Listing:

Title: Leo Kearse - Right Wing Comedian

Venue: Pravda, Espionage (Laughing Horse Free Fringe) **Fringe venue number:** 185

Address: 4 India Buildings, Victoria Street, EH1 2EX

EdFringe link: <https://tinyurl.com/y7surpwe>

Tel: 0131 622 6802

Dates: August 2 - 26 (not 14)

Reviewers invited from: August 3

Time: 7.30pm

Age: 16+

Duration: 1 Hour

Entry: Free (Donations)

Previews include:

June 9 SoFar Sounds, London

June 30 @ 5pm Top Secret, London

July 12 Newcastle Merchants Tavern

July 15 Glasgow Rotunda

July 18 @ 7pm Top Secret, London

July 19 @ 9pm Crack Comedy, Kingston

Website: <http://www.leokearse.com>

Twitter: <http://twitter.com/comedyLeo>

Footage links: <https://youtu.be/pPnISbEwgBo>

Images: <http://tinyurl.com/my4px56>

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