

## Edinburgh Festival Fringe 2019: Comedy



# Alex Kealy: Rationale

The Caves ("Just Up The Road" room), Just The Tonic  
1-25th August @ 18:40 (NOT 12th)

**'A storming show from the whimsical funnyman'**  
Stephen Armstrong, *The Sunday Times*

Political comedian and 'marvellous stand-up' (*The Skinny*), **Alex Kealy** is back with a new hour of comedy about the emotional roots of our rational thoughts. All served with 'a reservoir of memorable gags' (*The List*).

We prize rationality in life, in argument and in politics. But that's not really how we think - we're all prejudiced, sentimental bell-ends who see politics through emotional prisms and personal connections...and then tack on a rationale for those gut decisions after the fact.

**Rationale** reveals that, among other things, stink bombs and German classical music can, subconsciously, impact our political choices.

And who better to explore all this than **Alex Kealy**? A man with strong political convictions undermined in any argument by his massive cowardice and need for absolutely everyone to like him all the time, always. Fortunately, 'this is clever comedy...one of those shows where you come out feeling like you've done yourself some internal damage from laughing so much' (★★★★ Shortcom).

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

★★★★ FringeGuru

**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."

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

★★★★ EdFringeReview

**'This is intelligent, informative, funny stuff from an important voice' -  
Three Weeks**

**'Unique brand of political comedy...doesn't just resort to the usual cheap shots, his comedy is well thought out and insightful'**

★★★★  
TheatreWeekly

**'Sure to be a hit...Clever and original...Kealy's style worked a treat.'**  
Broadway Baby

**Full Listing:**

**Title:** Alex Kealy - Rationale

**Venue:** The Caves ("Just Up The Road" room), Just The Tonic

**Venue number:** 88

**Address:** Rowantree Bar, Edinburgh, EH1 1LG

**EdFringe link:** <https://tickets.edfringe.com/whats-on/alex-kealy-rationale>

**Tel:** 0330 220 1212

**Dates:** August 1 - 25 (NOT 12th)

**Reviewers invited from:** August 2nd

**Time:** 18:40

**Age:** 16+

**Duration:** 1 hour

**Entry:** £5 to reserve in advance or PWYW

**Previews:**

Sat 6th July at ARG Comedy Festival, London

Sat 6th July at the 2Northdown all-day Festival, London

Tues 9th July with Lou Sanders, at Star of King's, London

Tues 23rd July with Sarah Kendall at Star of King's, London

Thurs 25th July, Jericho Comedy, Oxford

Sat 27th July at The Comedy Grotto all-dayer, at Star of King's, London

Mon 29th July with Alfie Brown, The Sekforde, London

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**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/AlexKealyComedian>

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

**Footage from The Comedy Store:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6GPWxEc7NxY>

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

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