

Edinburgh Fringe 2019: Comedy



Andrew Roach Talent Presents

## Laura Lexx: Knee Jerk

The Turret, Gilded Balloon Teviot  
31 July - 25 Aug (not 14) @ 17:15

**‘The birth of a bouncy, bubbly stand-up star’**  
\*\*\*\* The Telegraph

After her sell-out 2018 show *Trying* (‘a masterpiece’, ★★★★★ Voice), which earned her the prestigious Comedian’s Choice Best Performer Award, star of *Live At The Apollo*, **Laura Lexx** brings her latest Edinburgh solo hour - ***Knee Jerk*** - to shine a hilarious light on how hard it is to be a good person these days.

The world seems furious at the moment, whether that is over Brexit, carbon emissions, gender, plastics in the sea, nationality or whether or not we should be aiming for the future or the past. Maybe Laura is projecting, but, is all this arguing and fighting down to the fact we’re absolutely terrified? In ***Knee Jerk***, Laura uses the tricks she learned to cope with her eco-anxiety to try and soothe the world’s temper and calm down our various phobias.

Laura takes on many of society’s big issues – including feminism, technology and the environment – asking questions such as, can you change the world without offending anyone? Can we stop being terrified and start being nicer to each other? Can you use netball to solve the gender pay gap? Spoiler alert: come for jokes, not for answers!

**'Real comedic steel.'**  
The Guardian

Laura Lexx is an award-winning comedian and writer. Her credits include *Live At The Apollo* (BBC Two), *The Comedy Club* (BBC Radio 4 Extra), *The Jason Manford Show* (Absolute Radio) and *BBC Edinburgh Festivals*, her performance on which has been viewed over three million times! Laura will be hosting BBC Ouch event at this year's Edinburgh Fringe, featuring storytelling and comedy on disability and mental health.

Following a critically-acclaimed run of her show *Trying*, Laura won Best Performer in the Comedian's Choice Awards and was in the top 10 of Dave's Funniest Jokes of the Fringe 2018. *Trying* transferred to London for Laura's debut Soho Theatre run in February of this year.

Laura has gigged at comedy clubs and festivals all over the UK and Europe, and has provided tour support for Jason Manford, Tim Vine and Russell Kane. She has picked up a host of awards and nominations along the way, including two nominations for the Amused Moose Best Show, Chortle Best Compere nominations every year since 2016 and winning Comic's Comic Best MC Award in 2017.

**Reviews from 2018:**

**'Engaging anecdotes, laugh-out-loud one-liners and clever observational humour are woven seamlessly into the narrative.'**

\*\*\*\*\* Funny Women

**'A masterpiece...this is a show that will leave you with all over tingles'**

\*\*\*\*\* Voice Mag

**'Extremely funny'**

\*\*\*\*\* Broadway Baby

**'Stupendous gags...compelling viewing'**

\*\*\*\* Fest

**'A hilarious, tender and candid hour of comedy'**

\*\*\*\* Wee Review

**'A truly witty and masterfully crafted show.'**

\*\*\*\* The Peg

**'This is a very candid hour in Laura Lexx's company, it's also stomach-achingly funny.'**

\*\*\*\* Entertainment Focus

**'Dry, witty asides, mixed with a no-nonsense sense of humour, have shades of Victoria Wood throughout.'**

\*\*\*\* Marbles Magazine

**Recommended Show - British Comedy Guide**

**Recommended Show - Punchline**

**Previous reviews:**

**'A joy...roars of laughter'**

The Independent

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

GQ

**'Incredibly engaging...it's difficult to see what will stop her success'**

The Skinny

**'A feelgood 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’**  
The Skinny

**‘an hour's insight into her merry life wasn't enough... hilarious, kind-hearted and genuine comedy.’**  
\*\*\*\* Arts Award Voice

\*\*\*\* Edinburgh Festivals Magazine

\*\*\*\* TV Bomb

\*\*\*\* Short Com

\*\*\*\* one4review

**Previews can be found on:**

<http://www.lauralex.co.uk/laura-lexx-edinburgh-2019.html>

**Full Listing:**

**Title:** Laura Lexx: Knee Jerk

**Venue:** The Turret, Gilded Balloon Teviot, Teviot Row House, Bristo Square, EH8 9AJ

**Venue link:** <https://gildedballoon.co.uk/programme/laura-lexx-knee-jerk/>

**Fringe Venue Number:** 14

**Dates:** 31 July – 25 Aug (Not 14)

**Press from:** 31st July

**Time:** 17:15

**Age:** 16+

**Duration:** 1 hour

**Entry:** £6 - £10

**For images:**

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/61intadn4urwph2/AAAhfS7EHkoLpmbx1j6k3iaLa?dl=0>

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**Footage:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QwnqG28WVPc&t=3s>

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