

Edinburgh Fringe 2019: Comedy



Phil McIntyre Entertainment & Mike Leigh Associates presents

Leo Kears: **Transgressive**

Gilded Balloon Teviot, (Nightclub)
31 July – 26 Aug @ 9:15pm

'A giant of the art'
Steve Bennett, Chortle

Leo Kears' previous show, *Right-Wing Comedian*, was banned from certain venues following allegations of transphobia, despite being written with a transgender woman he was dating. In response, ***Transgressive***, the new show from Scottish Comedian of the Year 2017/18, asks searching questions such as, is 'wokeness' itself bullying and intolerant? Has social media become a medieval church where the masses show their piety through witch hunts? If victim status is powerful in 2019, isn't punching down really punching up?

A candid account of sex and censorship that rips into political correctness, victim culture and 'wokeness', ***Transgressive*** also looks at the vital role transgression plays in society, and the damage wrought by censorship, whether it's racists assassinating Martin Luther King or universities banning sarcasm. In the process, Kears looks at the hypocrisy of environmentalists and male feminists, why Trump is great, how men are discriminated against, and the absurdities of fat activists, homophobia and #metoo.

Kears also gives a forthright account of the pros and cons of dating a transgender woman, with all the stupid questions, awkwardly placed genitals and prejudice that entailed, and the fascism of wokeness that excludes people from the inclusive spaces that were created for them. ***Transgressive*** is a call for genuine diversity and tolerance.

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

Leo Kears is part of the new wave of raw, bold, American-inspired comedians taking the big UK clubs by storm. Meanwhile, Leo's popularity abroad is rocketing, with 2018 seeing him perform in 20 countries. Among various credits, Kears has written for BBC shows including *Breaking The News*, *Mock The Week* and *The Mash Report*. As an actor, Leo has played Mick Fleetwood in the ITV drama *Breaking The Band: Fleetwood Mac*.

Leo is also the co-creator of sell-out show Hate 'n' Live (10:30pm at the Big Cave this Fringe), which has improvising comedians hating on audience suggestions - Whose Line Is It Anyway? meets Room 101.

'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

'Such energy and aplomb that the audience is left powerless to resist... one of the most enjoyable shows of the Fringe.'

★★★★ THREE WEEKS

'Genuinely offensive...a traumatic experience for some audience members.'

The National Student

Previews

June 4 - Crown Inn, Telford
June 5 - Bulls Head Barnes 2 8.30pm
July 4 - Top Secret Comedy, London @ 6pm
July 7 - Shoreditch, London
July 14 - Southend Comedy Festival
July 17 - Comedy Hotspot, Kirton
July 24 - Dublin
July 28 - Stow Maries, Essex

Full Listing:

Title: Leo Kears: Transgressive

Venue: Nightclub, Gilded Balloon Teviot Row House, 13 Bristo Square, EH8 9AJ

Venue link: <https://gildedballoon.co.uk/programme/leo-kearse-transgressive/>

Fringe Venue Number: 14

EdFringe link: <https://tickets.edfringe.com/whats-on/leo-kearse-transgressive>

Dates: 31 July – 26 Aug

Press from: 1 Aug

Time: 9:15pm

Age: 14+

Duration: 1 hour

Entry: £12/13 (concessions available)

For images: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B6jxieP_HMU_MlIxZk96TkdQM2M

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Insta: <https://www.instagram.com/scottishcomedian/>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCp1hRBGoDHKS4HiHlzkXAw>

Footage:

Male transitioning: <https://youtu.be/t3JOpiZ9Gqk>

The trouble being a right-wing comedian at a liberal arts

festival: <https://youtu.be/3ESJTILJtjU>

#Metoo and asking for blowjobs: https://youtu.be/W_A6tyat9nM

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