Edinburgh Festival Fringe 2019: Comedy



Titania McGrath: Mxnifesto

Pleasance Above 31st July - 25th August (not 12th)

'Titania McGrath is a genius.' Charles Moore, Spectator

Titania McGrath, the world-renowned millennial icon and radical intersectionalist poet committed to feminism, social justice and armed peaceful protest, is coming to the Edinburgh Festival Fringe to show you – yes, YOU – why you are wrong about everything!

MXINFESTO takes the form of a confrontational lecture in which Titania guides her audience through the, often bewildering, array of terminology and concepts that constitute 21stcentury "wokeness". New words such as "manterrupting", "microaggressions" and "heteronormativity" often leave the general public bemused, particularly if they don't read the *Guardian*.

Having conquered the world of social media, Titania is now generously bestowing her wisdom onto a live audience. Her step-by-step guide will enable her audience to become the woke people they need to be in an increasingly progressive world. In a non-patronising manner, Titania will explain where exactly they are going wrong and how to be more like her.

'Hilarious... perfectly captures the chiding, self-righteous, intolerant, joyless tone of the "woke" Stasi.'

Janice Turner, The Times

Titania McGrath is the satirical alter-ego of writer and comedian **Andrew Doyle**. She has been active on Twitter for only a year, but in that time has amassed over **275,000 followers**. Her first book, **WOKE: A GUIDE TO SOCIAL JUSTICE**, was published in March of this year to great acclaim.

Up until January 2019, Andrew Doyle was the co-writer of spoof news reporter **Jonathan Pie**. During a three year collaboration, Andrew co-wrote a Jonathan Pie book, two live tours, a BBC mockumentary, and numerous viral videos including a response to Donald Trump's election which was viewed online more than 150 million times, and a more recent video which was described by **Ricky Gervais** as "one of the most perfect (and important) pieces of comedy I've ever seen".

As a stand-up, Andrew has written and performed six live shows at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, four of which transferred to the Soho Theatre in London. In 2019, he toured the UK with *Friendly Fire*, a new stand-up show produced by Phil McIntyre Entertainments. As a playwright Andrew's work includes: *Borderland* (7:84 Theatre Company, Scotland), *Poster Girl* (BBC Radio 4), *The Second Mr Bailey* (BBC Radio 4) and *Reacher's Point* (BBC Radio 4). His musicals include adaptations of Tony Macaulay's *Paperboy* (Lyric Theatre, Belfast), Jonathan Swift's *Gulliver's Travels* (Lyric Theatre, Belfast), and Terry Pratchett's *Soul Music* (Rose Theatre, Kingston).

More press about Titania McGrath:

'The latest genius twist in Britain's long tradition of satirical spoof.'
Virginia Blackburn, Daily Express

'She pricks pomposity and tempers moral certitude with a hint of doubt; in short, she keeps us honest. And as a lover of satire, I treasure anyone who can hold a mirror up with wit and intelligence to the more sanctimonious and narrow-minded elements of the left that bother and suffocate people, even me.'

Shappi Khorsandi, *Independent*

'As a straight white man I don't think I was allowed to read the Titania McGrath book. But I did anyway, and I'm here to recommend it. Funniest thing I've ever read. Brilliant.'

Daniel Sloss

'Titania McGrath mercilessly satires the Left's online umbrage brigade, the permanently offended, those who have taken on the role of policing thoughts and words to the point of absurdity.'

The Herald

'Andrew Doyle, blessed with a pitch perfect ear for absurdity, has revealed the malign hilarity of woke culture.'

New Criterion

'Just as Bridget Jones was the embodiment of the anxiety-ridden Nineties feminist, a creation whose diary entries encapsulated all our hopes, fears and failures, so Titania McGrath is her millennial successor, a girl every bit as lost and confused, every bit as accurately observed — and equally, catastrophically, hilarious.'

Sarah Vine, Daily Mail

'Titania is a creation of genius...Finally, the plodding, establishment satire of recent years might have finally been subject to the disruption it has so badly needed.'

Douglas Murray, Unherd

'Outrageous and hilarious.'

Irish Independent

'Lampooning the language of social justice is a cheap shot.' Alex Clark, Observer

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Full Listing:

Title: Titiania McGrath: Mxnifesto

Venue: Pleasance Above, Pleasance Courtyard, 60 Pleasance, Edinburgh EH8 9TJ **Venue link:** https://www.pleasance.co.uk/event/titania-mcgrath-mxnifesto#overview

Fringe Venue Number: 185

EdFringe link: https://tickets.edfringe.com/whats-on/titania-mcgrath-mxnifesto

Dates: 31 July -25 Aug (not 12th)

Press from: 1 Aug

Time: 9pm Age: 16+ Duration: 1 hour

Entry: £6 previews (31 July, 1 & 2 August); £9-14 between 3-25 August (including concessions)

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