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SPENCER JONES is THE HERBERT in 'PROPER JOB'

Back by popular demand in 2016

Underbelly, Edinburgh Fringe
4-28 August (not 15) @ 5.20pm

'Spencer Jones has built one of the silliest, most consuming shows of the Fringe'
Alex Hardy, The Times *****

BAFTA nominee, Sky Shorts star, double BARRY UK winner, 2015 New Act of the Year runner up, double 2016 Chortle Awards nominee, and awarded best performer and best show at the Fringe last year by fellow comedians, **Spencer Jones** returns to the Fringe by popular demand for a second run of his acclaimed show, **Spencer Jones is The Herbert in 'Proper Job'**.

Spencer Jones is The Herbert in 'Proper Job' is a high-energy mash up of visual, prop, clown and homemade musical comedy that asks the question what's a suitable job for a grown up? A show about failing, failure, how to fail and why you sometimes need to fail to win.

The Herbert, an unlikely hero dressed in white tights and a T-shirt with a photo of a budgie on it, would much rather splurge cash on trinkets from the internet than knuckle under. He's amassed quite a collection and has lots of ways to while away the hours. His wife and relatives despair of him, he's a dad after all, and there is something strange going on with his baby son!

Finding and quickly losing a job in a nuclear power plant, and waiting on hospital results for his son, The Herbert cheers himself with some mucking about of the highest order, using objects from the ordinary to the plain weird in ways beyond what they were intended for.

It's something to do right?

'you will be laughing from the first nutty dance to the final madcap singalong'

Bruce Dessau, Evening Standard ****

A former choirboy, Spencer has juggled various jobs including street performer, DJ, wedding singer, runner and then producer for music commercials (clients included Robbie Williams, Kylie, Eminem, Nirvana). A partnership with director Jon Riche spawned **CBBC's Big Babies** (voiced by Sharon Horgan among others) which was nominated for a BAFTA and sold around the world. After Broken Biscuits, Spencer attended clown courses run by Philippe Gaulier and Doctor Brown (Phil Burgers) and, not long after, The Herbert was born...

Spencer recently appeared on **BBC Three's Live From the BBC** (his episode with James Acaster is still available on BBC iPlayer) as well as **RTE's The AI Porter Show** and is currently working on script commissions from **Sky Comedy** and **BBC Two with Cave Bear Productions**. Spencer also plays the regular role of Will Kempe in all six episodes of **Ben Elton's Upstart Crow**, currently airing on **BBC Two** and starring David Mitchell, Harry Enfield and Liza Tarbuck. His **Sky Comedy** short **Spencer Jones' Xmas**, which he wrote and starred in, was warmly reviewed and aired on Sky Arts over Christmas (as well as appearing on Sky OnDemand) and has been nominated for a **Broadcast Award for Best Scripted Online Short** with only one other Sky short. Among Spencer's other screen credits are: **Still Open All Hours** (BBC1), **Count Arthur Strong** (BBC 1 & 2), **Christopher Guest's Family Tree** (HBO, BBC 2), **Pulling** (BBC 2) and **Skins** (E4).

'He does something unique across the worlds of physical comedy and surrealism.'

Steve Bennett, Chortle, 4.5 stars

'Joyous extravaganza of prop-led bonkersness'

Emma Newlands, The List ****

'Utterly delightful'

Ben Williams, Time Out****

'This show is joyful...the spirit of Tommy Cooper and Eric Morecambe and Mr Bean'

Kate Copstick, Scotland on Sunday [star ratings not used]

Listing:

Title: SPENCER JONES IS THE HERBERT in 'Proper Job'

Venue: Underbelly (Belly Button), 66 Cowgate, Edinburgh EH1 1JX

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Website: <http://www.underbellyedinburgh.co.uk/whats-on/spencer-jones-is-the-herbert-in-proper-job>

Dates: 4-28 August (not 15)

Time: 5.20pm

Age: 16+

Duration: 1 Hour

Entry: £6 previews on 4, 5 August

£11 (£10) on 6,7,10,11, 16-18, 22-25 August

£12 (£11) on 8,9, 12-14, 19-21, 26-28

Please note: you can also see Spencer in his brand new 2016 show *Spencer Jones is The Herbert in 'Eggy Bagel'* at the Hive Cave between 4-28 August

For images: <http://tinyurl.com/nk3w7lk>

Footage: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p02z5gjq>

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