

Russell Mulligan: DEMOCRACY IS BROKEN

(AND WHAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT THAT)

Political comedy infused with surrealism, absurdity, hope and despair.

La Favorita Freestival, Edinburgh 2014 August 1 – 11 @ 19:30

"Russell is a highly inventive performer who blends music, art, mime and politics into a simmering pot of ideas. He could be Britain's Steve Martin but with a political edge."

Dave Dinsdale, West Midlands cult comedian (on Chortle)

With less than a year to go until the general election, people are bitterly bemoaning the lack of difference between the main political parties. In **Democracy is Broken** Russell Mulligan exposes the growing sense of hopelessness felt by the public towards politics and politicians.

We want banks properly regulated, responsible corporations, and a genuine alternative to the existing privileged elite with their snouts in the trough. But we're the creatures outside, looking from pig to man, and from man to pig, and from Ed Balls to George Osborne and back to the pig... Already it is impossible to say which is which.

There are alternatives, there are changes happening; there's a wealth of critical thinking taking place out there and we can all contribute to that...

Democracy is Broken: it's deadly serious, but with jokes... and zombies.

"Fearless, inventive, original, and, above all, funny.

A class act who is welcome back any time"

Below the Belt Comedy, Nottingham

Birmingham New Act of the Year, Russ Mulligan is taking his **debut solo show** up to Edinburgh after gigging all over the UK for the last couple of years. Earlier this summer, Mulligan co-starred in a film mock-umentary about the alternative comedy scene in the UK. Set for release in the autumn, the film showcases the fantastically weird and wonderful talents of several up and coming comedians.

"Russ Mulligan is developing at a rate of knots into one of the most interesting, original and outspoken voices on the circuit."

Artificial Light, Coventry

Full Listing:

Title: Democracy is Broken (and what you can do about that)

Festival: Freestival – www.freestival.co.uk

Venue: Cowgatehead Space 5 (venue 32), 65 Cowgate, Edinburgh EH1 1JW

Dates: August 1 - 11

Time: 19:30

Age: 14+ (Parental Advisory Explicit Language)

Duration: 50 minutes **Entry:** Free [Donations]

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For images: http://tinyurl.com/lx5t8h2

To watch Russell in action: http://tinyurl.com/mpjpwg7

Russell's Social Media: twitter.com/russmulligan