

## Edinburgh Fringe 2022: Comedy



# Olaf Falafel: STOAT

Laughing Horse @ the Pear Tree  
Aug 4-15, 17-28 @ 3pm

**'Absurdity so well-crafted that silly doesn't do it justice.'**  
Evening Standard

Like the Portsmouth team who won the FA Cup in 1939 and got to hold on to it during the war, **Olaf Falafel** has been the holder of 'Dave's Best Joke Of The Fringe' for the last three years thanks to a certain pandemic that you may have heard of. Falafel's new show STOAT contains more potentially award-winning jokes and also some frankly awful ones which he leans into with equal gusto.

This show contains plenty of the daft audience participation that his fans have come to love (can you get your sausage in his fanny pack?). Levitating fruit, mind reading mic stands and ducks bearing insults are all underpinned with the story of one of Olaf's most treasured collaborators.

Two things can be guaranteed - it will be stupid and it will be funny.

**'A magical ride into the ridiculous.'**  
The List

Olaf Falafel is an author, illustrator and a stand-up comedian (which is pretty similar to a stand-up chameleon except he doesn't change colour to blend in with the background). He's the winner of **Dave's Joke of the Fringe** and has created and performed several stupidly named comedy shows including *Olaf Falafel and the Cheese Of Truth*.

As well as trying to make people laugh on stage, Olaf draws a lot and tries to come up with funny ideas for kids books – the published ones include *Old MacDonald Heard A Parp* and *One Giant Leek for Mankind*. His forthcoming books are **Trixie Pickle Art Avenger (July 2022)**, his first Chapter book, and the picture book **Blobfish**, out now ('Fish it out, it's blobby good.' Alex O'Connell, *The Times*).

He also has an **Art Club** on YouTube full of real drawing tips and facts about famous artists. In 2019 Olaf visited 100 schools in 100 days - and then put his feet up and had a cup of tea.



As well as *STOAT*, Olaf will be bringing a kids show to the Fringe this year, ***Olaf Falafel's Super Stupid Show***, an hour of really stupid kids' comedy plus a drawing lesson and possibly something that involves fishing, ducks, bumbags and sausages. Family-friendly frivolity that will leave you feeling a lot less intelligent than when you walked in. The show runs at Laughing Horse @ The Pear Tree between 4-21 August (not 16<sup>th</sup>).

Here are a few things people have said about Olaf and his shows:

**'Master of the idiot one-liner joke.'**

Beyond The Joke

**'A magical ride into the ridiculous.'**

The List

**'Unashamedly silly, feel-good and childlike in the best possible way.'**

EdFringe Review

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Evening Standard

**'Skilfully delivered absurdist musings.'**  
Three Weeks

**'A wonderful hour of professional silliness.'**  
The List

**'Falafel has a talent for the tangential with the ruthlessness and timing of any talented standup.'**  
Fest

**'Punchy, surprising and highly entertaining... a gloriously daft show.'**  
Fringe Guru

**'Clever and bizarre.'**  
The Skinny

**'Lovely, accessible and constantly creative.'**  
Edinburgh Festival Magazine

**'Quirkily eccentric... combining modern technology with old-fashioned idiocy.'**  
The Scotsman

**'A barrage of absurdist humour and sharp one-liners.'**  
Ed Fringe Review

**'Refreshingly odd.'**  
iNews

**'Silly enough to make you feel like an eight-year-old child all over again.'**  
Broadway Baby

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**Listing:**

**Title:** Olaf Falafel: STOAT

**Venue:** Laughing Horse @ The Pear Tree

**Link:** <https://tickets.edfringe.com/whats-on/olaf-falafel-stoat>

**Fringe Venue Number:** 257

**Dates:** 4 - 28 Aug (not 16) 2022

**Time:** 3pm (15.00)

**Age:** 16+

**Duration:** 60 minutes

**Entry:** Pay What You Can from £7.50

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