

Edinburgh Fringe 2024: Comedy: DEBUT

Mustafa Algiyadi: Almost Legal Alien

Not all passports are born equal!



Just the Tonic Nucleus (Just the Sub-Atomic Room)

1 – 25 (not 12) August @ 4.30pm

‘Blends topical humour and whimsical commentary with light-hearted ease.’

★★★★ **The Voice**

For his debut Edinburgh Fringe solo hour, Libyan Arab stand-up **Mustafa Algiyadi** explores how moving to Europe messed with his concept of belonging and identity. Discovering that the cultural differences between the two “worlds” are bigger than he thought, Mustafa finds himself dealing with some absurd and uncomfortable situations, involving, among other things, spices, eggs and foie gras.

Among all this confusion, mixed messaging and a surprising amount of food-based gags, Mustafa, a cornerstone of the English-speaking comedy scene in Germany, had a clear goal in mind - to get a passport that doesn't trigger a special security check. This inevitably proves itself to be more difficult than anticipated.

Almost Legal Alien is a guided tour through Mustafa's mind maze, which negotiates tales of coming of age, religious verses you've never heard of, couples therapy, mortgages and what would happen if certain dishes were Arabic instead of European. Warning: group meditation is included in the show.

‘The finest traditions of compering... a demeanour which effortlessly endears him to his audience.’

Chortle

Mustafa Algiyadi is a comedian whose career spans stand-up comedy, improvisation and, after pursuing a PhD in mathematics, Artificial Intelligence. Alongside English, he also performs in Arabic, Italian and German.

In 2019, Mustafa founded the Medium Rare Comedy Club, marking a significant milestone for the comedy scene in Munich as the first weekly comedy show in English. This venture not only provided a platform for emerging talents but also established Mustafa as a key fixture of the English-speaking comedy scene in Germany. His commitment to fostering comedy talent continued as he took the helm of the English shows at Michael Mittermeier's Comedy Club: Lucky Punch, further solidifying his role in the industry.

Mustafa's provided tour support for Reggie Watts and in 2023, he embarked on a European tour, selling out shows in multiple major cities across Europe. He also sold out shows at the Brighton Fringe 2023. In June this year, Mustafa opened for US comedy legend Todd Barry.

Before his rise in stand-up comedy, Mustafa honed his improvisational skills in improv theatre in 2017 and 2018, laying the groundwork for his spontaneous and engaging performance style and "finest traditions of compering" (Chortle). His dedication to craft led him to train at the renowned Second City in 2022, further enhancing his comedic skills and improvisational ability.

Mustafa has also worked in the development aid sector in Libya, setting up an NGO and working as a journalist after the Arab Spring. During the Arab Spring demonstrations Mustafa was shot at many times.

'Hilarious storytelling...a breath of fresh air.'
ThePlaysTheThingsUK.com

Full Listing:

Title: Mustafa Algiyadi: Almost Legal Alien

Venue: Just the Tonic Nucleus (Just the Sub-Atomic Room)

Venue link: <https://tickets.edfringe.com/whats-on/mustafa-algiyadi-almost-legal-alien>

Fringe Venue Number: 393

Dates & time: 1 – 25 (not 12) August @ 4.30pm

Press from: 2nd August

Age: 14+ **Duration:** 1 hour

Entry: £5 (previews) the £7-10 on PWYC

Social media and website links via: <https://linktr.ee/mustafaalgiyadicomedy>

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