

Edinburgh Fringe 2024: Comedy

## **Chelsea Birkby: This Is Life, Cheeky Cheeky**

Smart, silly comedy about lust for life and, also - ass.



Just The Tonic – Just Out of the Box

August 1- 25 (not 12) @ 9.20pm

**‘A hugely promising and already accomplished stand-up,  
surely destined for greater things.’**

★★★★ The Scotsman

Following her highly acclaimed debut (10 x 4- and 4.5-star reviews, Winner of Amused Moose Best Debut, Nominee Best Show Comedian’s Choice) and sell-out Soho Theatre transfer, **Chelsea Birkby** is back with her second hour, ***This is Life, Cheeky Cheeky*** - a smart, silly, surprising show about lust for life, and also – ass.

Chelsea has bipolar disorder. Allegedly. She doesn’t think she has it anymore, but her doctor tells her that’s a “classic sign”. She’s done a lot of things to overcome despair: try to go viral (good for mental health), appreciate art (National Gallery Top Trumps), read important texts (The Bible but also the Maroon 5 guy’s sexts), watch YouTube workouts (literally just watch them) and try really hard to meditate (which only makes it worse). But what if it’s not about doing, it’s about being?

This is a show about choosing to be: in the moment, a mind and a body. It’s about embracing desire. Like, embracing it really, really hard.

With some help from the greatest minds – Camus, Kant and her Nan – Chelsea unpacks the big questions, like: can sexual objectification be empowering? How do we live the good life in an absurd world? And, why does ass mean so much in today's society?

Expect a collision of high and low brow, silliness and sorrow, tightly written jokes and conversational spontaneity.

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**'There's a sharp mind behind the sweet exterior... Birkby wins the audience's affection so thoroughly. As her writing credits on *Mock the Week* suggest, she knows how to craft a well-made one-liner.'**

★★★★ The Telegraph

Chelsea regularly performs her cerebral, cheeky and open-hearted stand-up at the UK's top comedy clubs (including Angel Comedy, Backyard and Komedia) and headlining beloved nights Jericho Comedy and XS Malarkey. She's regularly invited to perform in unconventional spaces (The National Gallery, Oxford Debating Hall, Cheltenham Literary Festival) as well at venues in the US, France and Germany. Chelsea also co-runs a sell-out monthly female-led stand-up night in Bristol with Eva Bindeman.

She was a finalist and runner-up in several prestigious comedy competitions including **So You Think You're Funny**, **Leicester Square Theatre New Comedian of the Year** and the **BBC New Comedy Award**. She was tour support for **Helen Bauer**, **Ed Patrick** and **Fern Brady**.

Chelsea has been seen on BBC, heard on **Radio 4's *Sideways*** and **Today**, **5Live's *Nihal Arthanayake***, Times Radio and various podcasts including ***Trusty Hogs*** with Helen Bauer and Catherine Bohart.

She's written for several series of BBC's **Mock The Week** and for BBC Radio 4. Her commentary has been featured in **The Independent** and in **Metro**.

Chelsea's highly acclaimed debut, ***No More Mr Nice Chelsea*** (10 x 4.5 and 4-star reviews), won **Best Debut (Amused Moose Awards)**, was nominated for **Best Show (Comedian's Choice Awards)** was mentioned on **BBC Radio 4's The Today** Programme, was listed in the funniest jokes of the fringe in The Times (twice!) and The Telegraph, and transferred for a sell-out run at London's Soho Theatre. ***This Is Life, Cheeky Cheeky*** is Chelsea's second Edinburgh Fringe show and was created with direction from Daniel Emery and Molly Stacey.

'Packed with gags at a great hit rate...a real star in the making with top-notch references, a great stage presence and a brilliantly executed show, Birkby will no doubt soon be playing to bigger crowds and bigger rooms and it'll be well deserved.'

★★★★.5 The Sunday Post

'You cannot help but really like her.' ★★★★★.5 The Phoenix Remix

'A seriously promising show – deceptively smart, tightly structured, and delivered with chatty charm.' ★★★★★ Fest

‘Chelsea’s a natural and delivered a show that you’d expect for someone who has been playing Edinburgh for years.’ ★★★★★ **RGM**

Both naughty and nice...has the feel of a conversation with friends.’

★★★★★ **Ed Fringe Review**

‘Chelsea Birkby has the material and demeanour of a comedian who could make it all the way to the top...her new comedic style has been established as a sort of polite rock star. It’s certainly unusual, but it’s hilarious.’ ★★★★★ **Entertainment Now**

‘Peppered with good gags and a wide spectrum of pop-culture references, Birkby is a winsome and funny stage presence.’ ★★★★★ **ThreeWeeks**

‘Chelsea is funny, so funny, without dumbing down her intelligence. I always look forward to what she’s doing. She’s brilliant.’ **Laura Lexx**

Everybody loved Chelsea’s Edinburgh debut. It drew huge crowds and garnered a stack of great reviews. The buzz is that *This is Life, Cheeky Cheeky* is even better.

**On the Mic**

**Social media links via:** <https://linktr.ee/chelseabirkby>

**Website:** <https://www.chelseabirkby.com/>

**Clips:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bb8k9s3eLHQ&feature=youtu.be>  
[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1c-hcBcTHSJrUIJ9ELP3lZdXklr9Xr\\_lz](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1c-hcBcTHSJrUIJ9ELP3lZdXklr9Xr_lz)

**Full Listing:**

**Title:** Chelsea Birkby: This Is Life, Cheeky Cheeky

**Venue:** Just The Tonic – Just Out of the Box

**Ticket link:** <https://tickets.edfringe.com/whats-on/chelsea-birkby-this-is-life-cheeky-cheeky>

**Fringe Venue Number:** 88

**Dates & time:** August 1- 25 (not 12) @ 9.20pm

**Press from:** August 1st

**Age:** 16+

**Duration:** 1 hour

**Entry:** From £7

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