

Edinburgh Fringe 2024: Comedy

Alexander Bennett: Emotional Daredevil



Gilded Balloon at the Patter House: Coorie

31 July - 26 August (not 13) @ 6.20pm

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★★★★★ BroadwayWorld

After his previous critically acclaimed Fringe show secured a run at the prestigious Soho Theatre, Chortle Award-nominated comedian and hilariously sentimental cynic **Alexander Bennett** is presenting a new show about risk. For it to work, he needs his audiences to be honest.

Comedy audiences are normally pretty honest. If they find something funny, they laugh. If they don't, they don't. They also respond well to honesty - it helps build the relationship between a performer and the audience. In **Emotional Daredevil**, Alexander is seeing how far he can push that by inviting his audience to collaborate with him in a unique and unexpected way.

Alexander will take a big risk betting on his audience's untapped potential to be the heart of the show. How honest are they prepared to be? Will they improvise? Will they be vulnerable? And will they open up as Alexander opens up about his experiences with trust, trauma and trans rights?

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Alexander Bennett's comedy has been variously described as dark, silly, filthy and thoughtful. He is the co-host, along with comedian Andy Barr, and creator of the high-concept Chortle award nominated podcast **Born Yesterday**, which has had guests including Jordan Gray, Phil Wang and Lorna Rose Treen.

His 2023 show ***I Can't Stand The Man, Myself***, received several 5 and 4-star reviews, was shortlisted for the Amused Moose Comedy Award, and a joke from it appeared in the Telegraph's Top 10 Funniest Jokes of the Edinburgh Fringe. It transferred to London's prestigious Soho Theatre in April 2024. The show he directed in 2023 - Siân Docksey's ***Pole Yourself Together!*** - also received 5-star reviews and will transfer to Soho Theatre.

Alexander has received 5-star reviews for his work with the acclaimed **Alternative Comedy Memorial Society** and created the cult hit gameshow ***Hell To Play***. He has collaborated with Mark Watson and was nominated at the Leicester Comedy Awards as part of **Consignia**. Alexander also co-orchestrated a huge charity event at the Pleasance Grand in Edinburgh called ***Dan Vs Food***, in which a cast of 25+ comedians (including Ed Gamble, Iain Stirling, Nick Helm, Sophie Duker and Ivo Graham) watched a man called Dan eat his lunch.

Alexander has been a guest lecturer at the Royal College of Art and Fourth Monkey Theatre Company and has been featured in The Guardian. He has also written for the iPaper and for Metro.

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★★★★ Broadway World

'Balances hilarity with poignant themes, often taking unexpected turns.'

★★★★ Edinburgh Festivals Magazine

'Fun, funny, tremendously engaging and even frequently joyous. He holds the audience in the palm of his hand, pulling big laughs from every quadrant - His act doesn't get the attention it should do.'

Chortle

'Bennett is undoubtedly a funny man - self-deprecating stories that leaves his audience in stitches.'

The List

'Well-crafted, acutely observed stand up from a mind constantly at war with its host - Bennett's storytelling skills refresh every routine.'

Fest

'Dark, soul-bearing comedy mixing laughs with honesty - evokes the spirit of early Johnny Vegas.'

Beyond the Joke

'Great comedic timing and the ability to frequently take a joke in an unexpected direction.'

The Voice

'One of the most important shows on the fringe. Heart-stopping ... A courageous and thought-provoking exposure of a hidden darkness.'

The Scotsman

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

Website link: www.alexanderbennettcomedian.com

Footage links:

Insta reels:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/19PiaHBDDDOjIUHZt40q7Wtd5RQHfQ54f?usp=drive_link

Full Listing:

Title: Alexander Bennett: Emotional Daredevil

Venue: Gilded Balloon at the Patter House: Coorie

Ticket link: <https://tickets.edfringe.com/whats-on/alexander-bennett-emotional-daredevil>

Fringe Venue Number: 24

Dates & time: 31 July - 26 August (not 13) @ 6.20pm

Press from: August 2nd

Age: 16+

Duration: 1 hour

Entry: From £9

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