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Alex Kealy: The Fear



National Tour, February – July 2025

After an acclaimed run at the 2024 Edinburgh Fringe and fresh from supporting Jack Dee on tour, **Alex Kealy** (*The Now Show, Gig Pigs* with Ivo Graham) brings The Fear on a tour between February and July 2025.

2024 was the best year of Alex's life. He got married and is, bluntly, happy. But if you're an anxious overthinker and it's going well, you just start thinking about when it'll all end. You get "the fear".

But what's at the root of these personal anxieties? If Alex cannot win the war with the voices in his head, can't he at least achieve a plausible UN-administered power-sharing agreement with them? Is it possible to achieve a positive transformation of your psychological make-up if you're not cool enough to take Ayahuasca?

Don't be too afraid of 'The Fear', though - there'll also be loads of great jokes fashioned out of his over-examination of coffee machines, the book of Ephesians, duty-free shopping, monarchy, how love is like totalitarianism, beach holidays, death, losing your voice, organised religion and Toblerone.

'Kealy takes comedy a step further and creates something so technically clever that it's almost beautiful...A career-defining show.' ★★★★ Broadway Baby

'A storming show.' Sunday Times

Alex Kealy is a stand-up comedian who mixes smart political material with self-deprecation and relatable observations. In his first year of performing, he reached the final of the prestigious **So You Think You're Funny** competition. He has since taken five hours of stand-up to the Edinburgh Fringe, including 2022's **Winner Takes All**, which made The Times's Top Jokes of the Fringe and received a host of 4-star reviews before a sell-out run at the **Soho Theatre** and a subsequent national tour.

Meanwhile, on the live circuit, he can be seen performing full weekends at the biggest comedy clubs in the country, including **The Comedy Store**, **The Glee Clubs**, **Brighton Komedia** and **Monkey Barrel**. He's also supported **Jack Dee**, **Ivo Graham**, **Shaparak Khorsandi**, **Tatty Macleod**, **Tom Rosenthal** and **Pierre Novellie** on their national tours.

In radio work, Alex recently appeared on *Catherine Bohart: TL;DR* on BBC Radio 4 and has twice appeared on *The Now Show* and was on the pilot episode of Rhys James' Radio 4 show *What Are You Talking About?*. He is also the co-host of the *Gig Pigs* podcast, along with Ivo Graham, where comedian guests (including James Acaster, Nish Kumar, Lou Sanders and Rose Matafeo) are taken to a live music gig and then give their verdict afterwards. It's quickly established a loyal following of music and comedy fans, and the first 2 seasons regularly saw it reach the top of the UK music podcast charts.

An in-demand joke writer, Alex regularly writes for shows including **Mock The Week** (BBC Two), **The News Quiz** and **The Now Show** (both BBC Radio 4), as well as Turtle Canyon Comedy's **Grave New World** ('a fresh perspective, stylised writing and high gag rate' - Beyond The Joke). His comedy has been listed in the Top Jokes of the Edinburgh Fringe by The Guardian, The Telegraph, The Mirror, The Evening Standard, The Independent, iNews, The Scotsman and The Huffington Post.

'Excellent...dynamite, Interstellar routine which I wish I had written!' Mark Kermode

'Kealy redefines what it really means to encounter your own mundane fears in a jam-packed, faultless performance that will make you question the meaning of life and the sweet hereafter!' $\star \star \star \pm \text{EdFringeReview}$

'Breakneck pace with surprising turns in eloquent comic's wonderful new hour.'
★★★★ The List

'Five comedians to see if you like James Acaster.' Edinburgh Evening News

'Internal damage from laughing so much.' ★★★★ Short Com

> 'Fresh, insightful and original' ★★★★ FringeGuru

'Didn't miss a single joke...every one getting a good laugh from the audience'

★★★★ Deadline News

'Rapid but charming delivery...well-informed and well-researched material, as explanatory as it is enjoyable'

★★★★ LondonTheatre1

'Well thought-out and insightful...a very enjoyable hour of comedy' ★★★★ Theatre Weekly

'Whip-smart wit...extremely funny' ★★★★ Binge Fringe

A smart, funny writer...a powerhouse, knocking out those perfectly expressed gags...Rationale cements his reputation as a most useful writer of political gags.' Chortle

'His gags are perfectly formed. In his best jokes, there's rarely a word wasted, and his craft and skill is obvious.' The Wee Review

'His jokes, as individual units, have such structural panache...a great, scorched earth joke that leaves no one untouched.'

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More info including socials, website via: https://linktr.ee/alexkealy

Clips available here

Full Listing: Title: Alex Kealy: The Fear Age: 16+ Duration: 1 hour

Tour runs Feb to July, 2025, stopping at: Leicester 16/2, Guildford 22/3, Bath 3/4, Maidenhead 12/4, Edinburgh 26/4, Brighton 29/4, Bristol 1/5, Portsmouth 8/5, St Albans 9/5, Wellingborough 16/5, Oxford 18/5, Ipswich 30/5, Exeter 31/5, Cambridge 7/6, London 25 & 26/6, Canterbury 4/7, Leeds 17/7

All tour dates available on: https://linktr.ee/alexkealy

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