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Programme Section	Show	Venue Name	Start Time	Duration	Performance Dates	Website Copy	Show URL
Cabaret and Variety	An Insomniac's Dreams	Greenside @ Riddles Court	19:30	1 hr	Aug 24-29	A comedic storytelling and variety hour by a psycho grunge babe. Stories and tales from my life are explored through silly songs, dances, slideshows, characters and sketches, paired with costumes, impressions and an explosion of sexual awakenings, audience participation, absurd stories and a sprinkle of Irish dancing. You'll venture through my sleepless brain of VeggieTales lore, fascination with the Louvre heist, pop culture conspiracies, love for musical theatre and, of course, a touch of Liza Minelli. You'll wonder if you're stuck in some NyQuil-induced fever dream.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026INSOMNI
Cabaret and Variety	Angela Bra's Absolutely Dabulous Drag Bingo	Laughing Horse @ City Cafe	22:30	50 mins	Aug 6-10, 12-17, 19-24, 26-30	Award-winning drag sensation, Miss Angela Bra, invites you to a comedy cabaret of dabbing, dancing, stage games and singing with crowd-based comedy and lashings of late night surprises along the way. Based on her touring show, Absolutely Dabulous has been performed everywhere from London to the Lake District and makes its Scottish debut at this year's Fringe.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026ANGELAC
Cabaret and Variety	Ben Hart: The Labyrinth	Palais du Variété at Assembly George Square Gardens	18:20	1 hr	Aug 5-16, 18-30	Edinburgh's superstar magician (Guardian) returns. Internationally acclaimed magician Ben's shows are a unique kind of alchemy... Funny, dark and baffling, Hart is a new species of conjuror. Watch him read minds, manipulate reality and blow your mind. Dare you get lost? 'The one magic show you need to see this fringe' (ArtsReview.com.au). 'Hart's performance is astonishing... It is utterly seamless' (Big Issue). 'Ben Hart is a master' (Dynamo). 'Seductive, beautiful, funny, haunting and original... There's no-one else we'd rather watch' (Penn & Teller).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/ben-hart-the-labyrinth
Cabaret and Variety	Big Gay Afterparty	Just the Tonic at La Belle Angele	23:00	3 hr	Aug 14, Aug 28	Queer, chic and outrageous: you're invited to the biggest, gayest party at the Fringe (fun straights allowed). The award-winning show makes its return this year for two nights only, daring you to indulge in the hottest pop-up cabaret experience on Cowgate – now with more sensational acts and more tunes! Curated by 'demonic David Bowie' (Fest) Aidan Sadler, a selection of the most electrifying and scandalous performers at the festival awaits. 'The acts slay until the break of day and you're invited right into the heart of this soulfully compiled and radically offbeat cabaret experience' ***** (BlingeFringe.com).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026BIGGAYB
Cabaret and Variety	Cabaret of Filth	Laughing Horse @ The Three Sisters	21:00	1 hr	Aug 6-16, 18-30	Come inside the Cabaret of Filth and indulge in a night of pure debauchery, burlesque and drag in this comedy riot! Will contain nudity, adult content, anti-establishment rebellion and all the good swear words. Come and join in the revelry. 'Hysterically funny' **** (TheRealChrisparkle.com).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026CABAREU
Cabaret and Variety	Clumsy Cabaret: The Dice Decides	The Speakeasy at The Royal Scots Club	18:00	1 hr	Aug-16	The dice decides is an interactive D&D inspired burlesque show / game where you roll to change the performers' routines. You could change their music, steal props or even seduce. A few audience members will be chosen to play – this will be completely voluntary and you are welcome to just sit and enjoy the show. Gather your party.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026CLUMSYC
Cabaret and Variety	Cowboys Comedy!	Just The Tonic at The Caves	22:30	1 hr 30 mins	Aug 16, 23, 30	Yee-haw! The Wild West's rowdiest comedy cabaret hits the Edinburgh Fringe. A rootin' tootin' evening of stand-up, burlesque and drag in a no-rules saloon showdown. Hosted by Sheriff Cowboy Joe, Cowboys Comedy! is a wild, anything-goes ride for outlaws, misfits and lovers of the unhinged. Saddle up!	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026COWBOYS
Cabaret and Variety	Critique Cabaret	C ARTS C venues C aquila	19:25	50 mins	Aug 17-30	Critical theory is transformed into cabaret glamour by Mandy Harris Williams, a multimedia artist and cultural critic whose work operates across performance, writing, and digital media. Oration, original music, dance and projected video collide in a show about attention, survival and the cost of being politically coherent in public. Part lecture, part pop assemblage and wholly engrossing, scholarship becomes spectacle and spectacle becomes survival as Critique Cabaret examines what it means to think, feel and perform in a world where attention has become both currency and trap. Originally commissioned by Performance Space New York.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026CRITIQU
Cabaret and Variety	Cult Your Nights Presents: Local Cult Your Tour at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe	theSpace on the Mile	21:50	50 mins	Aug 24-29	Travel the world without leaving your seat! Local Culture Tour brings together distinctive performers whose acts celebrate where they come from and who they are. Through cabaret, dance, circus, drag, music, storytelling and cultural traditions, artists share pieces of their heritage, hometowns and lived experiences. Each act offers a unique window into a different community, creating an evening that is both entertaining and deeply human. Join us for an eclectic night of culture, connection and discovery from across the globe.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026CULTYOY
Cabaret and Variety	Do You Wanna Go?	Greenside @ George Street	18:35	1 hr	Aug 7-8, 10-15, 17-22	Join David Nehls, composer / lyricist of The Great American Trailer Park Musical, as he presents his newest and most personal show to date. Do You Wanna Go? is a wildly funny, oh-so-gay, one-man musical odyssey that tells a raucous, yet intimate story of a romantic adventure that took place on an unexpected vacation to Greece in the mid 1990s. All original music from rock and blues to ballads, it's like Shirley Valentine on steroids. From New York to Denver, Key West to St Louis, Do You Wanna Go? has been a sold-out, crowd pleasing show.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026DOYOUWA
Cabaret and Variety	Doom and Glitter: A Tribute To Tom Waits	PBH's Free Fringe @ The Street	21:00	1 hr	Aug 9-10, 13, 15, 23, 25, 27, 29-30	In its fifth year at Fringe, return to the bluesy banter and iconic sound of Mr Brake Down's incredible live band. Exploring the wit, wisdom and unstoppable force of eccentric cult icon Tom Waits, this award-winning live music experience gathers the outcasts, oddities and visionaries for a soulful fever-dream that runs the gamut of human emotion. Gloriously odd and experimental, the show takes audiences on a melodic journey through Waits' seminal works, where you get to be part of the music and enjoy special guests from the world of drag and burlesque.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/doom-and-glitter-a-tribute-to-tom-waits
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Cabaret and Variety	Dr Mew's Sci-Fi Cabaret	Laughing Horse @ The Counting House	12:15	1 hr	Aug 6-18	Dr Mew's Sci-Fi Cabaret is an LGBT+ line-up cabaret show for sci-fi lovers, hosted by SJ and Dr Mew (a cat who used to be an anti-woke podcaster). This is an audience participation show with acts who are LGBTQ+ and allies who love sci-fi. The line-up will vary but it will include comedy, music, drag and other intergalactic performances – all with a sci-fi twist. There will also be an opportunity to test your sci-fi knowledge and be awarded the Jonesy Sci-Fi Cat of the show.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026DRMEWSS

Cabaret and Variety	EIGHT: The One (Wo)Man Drag King Musical Parody	Gilded Balloon Patter House	21:00	1 hr	Aug 5-18	Henry VIII has returned to the land of the living to discover he is exclusively remembered as that bloke with six wives. So there was only one thing for it. Henry is clearing his name in a musical drag extravaganza. Featuring parodies of songs by Meatloaf, Celine Dion, Ed Sheeran and more, this bonkers show explores the lesser known side of the Tudor king. Inspired by the drag performers of the Victorian Music Hall, melodramatic rock music and musical theatre, EIGHT is a parody musical written and performed by Hannah Clift.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026EIGHTTH
Cabaret and Variety	Fempaths: Transistor Radio Hour	Underbelly, Bristo Square	20:45	1 hr	Aug 5-17, 19-30	Written and performed by Fempath (Mari Moriarty), this kaleidoscopic cabaret features original music and lyrics from trans icons and their adversaries. The show explores queer history, bathroom politics, deepthroating, tarot, Alzheimer's disease, sexual assault, PTSD, immigration, fascism, addiction, disability and Kim Petras. So whether you're a fan of piano, witches or phallic fruit, come join the party! From saints to slags, trans folk are never just one thing and neither is this cabaret!	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026FEMPATH
Cabaret and Variety	Ghost Songs to Die For with Madame Iselde	Just The Tonic at The Mash House	19:45	1 hr	Aug 6-17	Madame Iselde, a medium from 1936, returns from the astral plane with ghost stories, original songs and one classic cover. Drawing on haunted theatres, Brighton legends and restless spirits, she resurrects tales that refuse to stay buried and turns them into music that is eerie, ridiculous and unexpectedly moving. This darkly comic cabaret blends folklore, theatrical storytelling and sharp seaside wit. Expect atmosphere without jump scares, glamour without gloom and a night of musical mischief that proves even ghosts enjoy a good tune. Come curious. Leave lightly spooked and thoroughly entertained.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026GHOSTSP
Cabaret and Variety	Ginger Johnson: Show Pony (WIP)	Shedinburgh @ Assembly Checkpoint	18:45	1 hr	Aug 15-16	Join the Drag Race Superstar, Celebrity Masterchef Champion and 'powerhouse of entertainment' (Curtain Call Reviews) as she kicks down the stable door and lets her Show Pony run free: outrageous, untamed, and completely off the reins. Expect high camp, low morals, and double helpings of Ginger's trademark ridiculousness in this barnstorming hour of whip-smart comedy from the 'unholy drag spawn of Eve Krievel, Lucille Ball and Darryl La Rue' (List). This is a chance to see a brand new piece of work from a Fringe legend as a part of Shedinburgh.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026GINGERJ
Cabaret and Variety	Judy Garland Is Fat at Carnegie Hall	theSpace on the Mile	22:45	50 mins	Aug 24-29	Judy Garland Is Fat at Carnegie Hall resurrects the biggest night in show business history as a messy, virtuosic, experimental lip-sync extravaganza. Sixty-five years after Judy's iconic performance, NYC drag artists Xena Fauxbia and Soda Pressed worship at the altar of a queer icon, examining Judy's experience to mine their own relationship to hunger and societal fatphobia. It's a wacky, aching exploration of weighty desire and the absurdity of never quite fitting into "The Costume".	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026JUDYGAR
Cabaret and Variety	Liberace and Liza – A Tribute	Ermintrude at Underbelly, Bristo Square	20:25	1 hr	Aug 5-17, 19-30	Winners of Best Show 2026 at Brighton Fringe and a Five Star Office Award in London, Liberace and Liza – A Tribute brings together two of entertainment's most flamboyant legends in a show that never was – but absolutely should have been! Direct from a West End run having played at many iconic venues including New York's 54 Below, Feinstein's at the Nikko in San Francisco and The Purple Room in Palm Springs.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/liberace-and-liza-a-tribute
Cabaret and Variety	Live at the Manor: Diary of a 7ft Canadian Man in a Dress	Edinburgh Thistle Hotel	18:00, 20:30	1 hr 30 mins	Aug 7-8, 10-15, 18-22, 25-29	A world premiere. Canadian drag entertainer, writer, comedian and singer Joan-E, has written a brutally honest, candid and hilarious one-man show that highlights the journey of a young, shy Canadian boy who became one of Canada's most prolific drag queens and then packed up her frocks and moved to Scotland. Join Joan-E at The Edinburgh Thistle Hotel, a perfectly intimate and sumptuous venue to hear about her extraordinary, glitteringly fabulous journey filled with more than a few famous names and plenty of laughs.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026LIVEATT
Cabaret and Variety	Lucy & Friends	Shedinburgh @ Assembly Checkpoint	22:00	1 hr	Aug 7-8	Lucy McCormick returns with a medium-concept queer cabaret spectacular exploring loneliness, labour and the desperate performance of connection. Presented as a stripped-back variety show, Lucy calls on the audience to become her missing friends, stepping into roles she cannot fill alone. As the show spirals through increasingly chaotic attempts at community-building, Lucy uses cabaret to unravel ideas of narcissism, celebrity and the unhinged woman. A master of theatrical manipulation and crushing personal vulnerability, she leaves audiences needing a hug, a cry and an immediate shower. This will be a special stripped-back version of the hit Fringe show.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026LUCYFR1
Cabaret and Variety	Manic	Just The Tonic at Westside Rodeo	21:20	45 mins	Aug 16-17, 19-20, 23-27	Manic is a one-woman comedy cabaret written, directed and performed by Roxana Baldwin. A successful music video director, she fuses cinematic pre-recorded sketches with live performance, blurring theatre and film into an electric experience. A millennial fever dream of pop culture, nostalgia and Hollywood, unfolding within a surreal game show of fame. Through 14 shapeshifting characters – from burlesque mermaid to a drag embodiment of insecurities – her inner voices and inner child take centre stage. Campy, cerebral and inspiring, Manic explores ambition, identity and the cost of being seen, asking: which voices in our heads deserve the microphone?	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026MANID
Cabaret and Variety	Mary Mac – Hail Mary: The Tartan Songstress	Assembly George Square Studios	21:35	1 hr	Aug 5-16, 18-30	Born and raised in Glasgow, Mary has since taken her Tartan Trail across the world! From cabaret and theatre stages of the UK to cruise ships from the Caribbean to Copenhagen! From sailing the seven seas with her show to cruising with the queen of the seas Jane McDonald. Starring in hit musicals La Cage Aux Folles and Everybody's Talking About Jamie and also supporting Rupaul's Drag Race winner Bianca Del Rio on her UK and European tour. Join Mary in her Edinburgh Fringe debut, packed full of live singing and comedy!	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026MARYMAC
Cabaret and Variety	Pure Heaven: Drag, Jazz and Desperation	Just The Tonic at Westside Rodeo	21:20	1 hr	Aug 9-13	A solo-ish drag show with an hour of storytelling – love, friendship and self-indulgence – blending into jazz vocals and piano. Ranging from jazz pop to Cole Porter's songbook, take a journey through Kaja's adventures and anecdotes. Featuring two special guests every show.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026PUREHEA
Cabaret and Variety	Self Censored	Clover Studio at Greenside @ Riddles Court	18:25	50 mins	Aug 7-15	When does self-censorship stop protecting you and start erasing you? Inside a fractured subconscious, a chaotic drag persona and an overprotective childhood plushie battle over buried secrets. Developed at Leeds Conservatoire and premiered at Leeds Theatre Festival 2024, Self Censored blends raw, personal storytelling with live original music to explore autism, masculinity and the exhausting performance of fitting in – offering an unfiltered glimpse into a mind caught between self-protection and self-expression.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/self-censored
Cabaret and Variety	Skank Sinatra: How to Succeed in Show Business Without Really Trying	Assembly George Square Studios	18:30	1 hr	Aug 6-11, 13-17, 19-23, 25-30	Skank Sinatra returns with a wickedly funny brand-new hour of powerhouse vocals, razor-sharp comedy and high-camp showbiz wisdom. From reinvented Broadway classics to hilarious original songs, breathtaking costume changes to exquisitely timed bad decisions. How to Succeed in Show Business Without Really Trying is a glitter-soaked masterclass in big notes, big hair and even bigger delusions. Three Best Cabaret wins at Adelaide Fringe. One overall Best Cabaret Award at Newcastle Fringe. Zero signs of humility. 'The best solo drag show I have ever seen' ***** (StageWhispers.com.au).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026SKANKSI
Cabaret and Variety	Swamplesque	Assembly Hall	20:50	1 hr 10 mins	Aug 6-16, 18-23, 25-30	The hottest ticket of Fringe 2024 and 2025. Everyone's favourite ogre-inspired burlesque and drag parody is coming back to Edinburgh! Swamplesque is the award-winning, critically acclaimed, five-star rated burlesque parody show! 'The funniest burlesque show you'll ever see' (Lilithia.net). Prepare for a night filled with laughter, surprises and a touch of the risqué. Don't be green with envy – grab your friends and secure your tickets now for this hilariously naughty night out! 'Rarely have I been in a situation when a review is hard to write because it is such perfection' ***** (GetTheChance.wales).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026SWAMPLE
Cabaret and Variety	The Kaye Hole Hosted by Reuben Kaye	Underbelly, Bristo Square	23:30	1 hr 30 mins	Aug 21-22, 28-29	Late-night done right, hosted by the unforgettable Reuben Kaye, backed by a live band. Queer, messy and f*cking hilarious. The hottest late-night ticket in town is back. Fringe sell-out show 2022-2024. 'It is. Carnage.' ***** (Miro Magazine, Facebook). 'Sign up to the church of Reuben Kaye' ***** (Time Out). 'A. Great. Night. Out.' ***** (TheUpsideNews.com). 'An explosion of energy, high camp, big notes and filthy humour' ***** (Scottish Sun). 'Hilarious, outrageous and bloody fabulous' ***** (Advertiser, Adelaide). 'Gob-smacking, phenomenal, extraordinary' ***** (StageWhispers.com.au). 'A night you won't forget' ***** (Deadline.com).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026KAYEHOL

Cabaret and Variety	The Upside Down Cabaret	PBH's Free Fringe @ The Street	21:00, 22:15	1 hr	Aug 9-12, 14, 16-21, 23-24, 26, 28, 30	A Jewel in the crown of Cheshire's cabaret scene, the Upside Down is finally making its way to Fringe! Led by Channel 4's narrowboat drag king Mr Brake Down – local divas, naughty newbies and established icons meet on a joyful variety stage, celebrating LGBTQIA+ talent of all types. Join the fun nightly for a lively showcase from the worlds of drag, burlesque, comedy, music, circus and whatever else comes our way. An adults-only show, with queer love at its heart, that brings a uniquely welcoming and uplifting flavour to the scene that cannot be matched.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026UPSIDED
Cabaret and Variety	Tia Kofi Presents: The Final FronTia Live	The Gilded Saloon	19:40	1 hr	Aug 21-22	Drag Race UK winner Tia Kofi returns to Edinburgh Fringe and she's bringing her podcast with her! On The Final FronTia, the worlds of Geeky-ness and drag collide for an unforgettable experience. Tia is joined by culture's biggest stars to talk about the moments that made them, behind the scenes tea and their geeky guilty pleasures. Expect special guests plus prepare your questions for an audience Q&A, get your vocal cords ready to sing along with some live musical numbers and, of course, make yourself comfortable for the best show in the galaxy!	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026TIAKOFI
Cabaret and Variety	Ultimate Cabaret Champion	Just The Tonic at The Caves	18:00	1 hr	11 Aug, 25 Aug	Step into the Fringe's cabaret showdown, where artists from wildly different disciplines battle to prove that their art form reigns supreme. Cheer on drag divas, burlesque babes and mystifying magicians as they face off in challenges chosen by you! Will it be glamour, filth or pure chaos? Come crown the Ultimate Cabaret Champion. Hosted by multi award-winning cabaret reprobate Aidan Sadler, this is a brand-new concept show for 2026 bringing a competitive edge to the cabaret landscape.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026ULTIMAU
Cabaret and Variety	Wanted: Drag or Alive!	Brewhemia	21:00	1 hr	Aug 9-10, 16-17, 23-24, 30-31	Skinny Minnie rides into town with a price on her head and a story she swears is mostly true. Once the crown jewel of the circuit, now a fugitive of her own reputation, she's trading rhinestones for reckonings. Join her for a sharp, filthy and fearless hour of stand-up: gun-slinging through her glory days, grudges and the cost of staying fabulous when the whole world's gunning for you. Is she innocent, guilty or just drop dead gorgeous? Either way, she's turning herself in and collecting her own darn bounty.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026WANTEDD
Cabaret and Variety	Who's The Daddy?	PBH's Free Fringe @ The Street	16:00	1 hr	Aug 9-11, 13-18, 20-21, 23-25, 27-30	Teena (@sheisveryfamous) is ten months pregnant with her nineteenth child. And she needs help finding out who the father is! Kettering's most famous "woman" will be spilling all the tea about her crazy year, singing songs (original versions of camp classics and from her new album "I Am Too Famous") as well as putting some rumours to bed. Is she really Lord Lucan in a wig? All will be revealed! Expect litigious anecdotes, outrageous comedy and fabulous live vocals from Kettering's most famous "woman". Grab a drink, embrace the chaos, and help Teena discover Who's The Daddy!	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026YESINEE
Cabaret and Variety	Your Inner Diva is Showing: Self-Love in Sequins!	Greenside @ George Street	17:20	55 mins	Aug 7-15, 17-22, 24-29	Channelling the likes of Celine, Whitney and Adele, singer-pianist and cabaret star Jacqui Randa tackles self-love, sex and the messy work of figuring yourself out, all with a dash of diva! With high praise, 'Jacqui is rocking it!... she is simply the best' (Harry Connick Jr, The Piano). Jacqui invites you to heal your inner child and embrace your inner diva! Prepare to laugh, relate and fall in love with the sweetheart that is Jacqui.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026YOURINN
Children's Shows	Boys Don't Dance	DB1 at Assembly @ Dance Base	13:15	1 hr	Aug 7-9, 11-16, 18-23	Boys Don't Dance is a poignant dance theatre show by acclaimed disabled artist Marc Brew, reflecting on his lifelong journey defying societal expectations to embrace his love for dance. Combining movement with BMX and wheels, storytelling, lighting and an uplifting 80s soundtrack – alongside visual projections and animation, creating an immersive experience for audiences. Boys Don't Dance celebrates individuality and the liberating power of dance, encouraging audiences to embrace their unique passions and find strength in their differences. Commissioned by Imagine and Aberdeen Performing Arts, supported by OneRen. MadeInScotlandShowcase.com.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/boys-don-t-dance
Children's Shows	Hugo's Rainbow Show	Underbelly, Bristo Square	12:00	45 mins	Aug 5-11, 13-16, 18-23	A drag show for kids about the science of rainbows! Join New Zealand superstar Hugo Grrrr! for a musical, magical adventure exploring the skies above. Can you help find Ray The Sun, Misty The Cloud and Wayne The Rain? Maybe even the fabulous Archie The Rainbow? Together our weathery friends make the mysteries of meteorology fun, all while proving the power of glitter, dress-ups and friendship through original songs, stories and – of course – outrageous costumes. Best for 2-10 year olds and neurodiverse friends, but even big kids will love this wholesome, goofy and glamorous experience.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026HUGOSRA
Children's Shows	Mama G: The Magic Bookmark	The Den at Gilded Balloon Teviot	12:20	1 hr	Aug 5-31	Join 'everyone's favourite pantomime dame!' (Metro) and Britain's Got Talent semi-finalist, Mama G, on an award-winning, panto adventure for the whole family. Book Worm is livid that encyclopaedias give people so much knowledge, so decides to steal all the books from Mama G's library! Mama G vows to save the day by proving that books can help make the world a better place. But she can't do it alone! Enter the mysterious and wonderful Magic Bookmark... She needs your help too, to discover why everyone deserves to be part of the story!	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/mama-g-the-magic-bookmark
Comedy	¡Ay! Papi: Jilberto Solo	Just The Tonic at The Caves	14:25	1 hr	Aug 20-30	Jilberto's dad skipped his wedding, his brother just had a baby and everyone keeps asking when he's having kids. He's not. But he'll deliver an hour of comedy about it: which honestly seems healthier. ¡Ay! Papi is a stand-up hour about fatherhood from someone who isn't one. As a gay, first-generation Mexican American, Jilberto Soto examines the daddies who disappeared, the fathers that tried and the quiet pressure on men to step into the role... eventually. Big questions. Small family. One gay son with a lot to say.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026AYPAPU
Comedy	00s Throwback Party	Laughing Horse @ City Cafe	16:55	1 hr	Aug 6-30	Fad diets. Flip phones. MySpace. MSN. Getting pulled out of mainstream education and sent to an Evangelical school in Wales. Juno. Jackass. The Rock wasn't bald yet. Ditto Britney. In June's words: "It's been Twenty Years Since U Been Gone, I Can't Decide if I Hate Everything About You or I Miss You." If you were a teenage emo trans kid drama queen or just like the vibe of Y2K, this is for you. Show includes 10-minute support act. 'Hilarious and spot on' (FringeReview.co.uk). 'Chaos and hilarity' (One4Review.co.uk). 'Oodles of chaotic energy' (Chortle.co.uk).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/202600STHRO
Comedy	2 Boys, 1 Bucket	Laughing Horse @ The Raging Bull	17:15	1 hr	Aug 6-30	It's not what you think, but it might be just as mad! 2 Boys, 1 Bucket throws two silly, unhinged comedians into a storm of improvisation, haplessly tackling audience problems with wild solutions, off the wall antics and buckets of unpredictable chaos. Nothing is planned, everything is ridiculous – prepare for pure comedic carnage! It's cheeky, it's unpredictable and it's guaranteed to make you laugh. 2 Boys, 1 Bucket is perfect if you're after a silly show.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/20262BOYS1B
Comedy	A Marriage of Inconvenience	Just The Tonic at The Caves	14:25	1 hr	Aug 6-9	Join best friends and rising comedy stars Abi Sharp and Harsh for a split bill that explores the intersection of Type-A ambition, queer identity and the chaotic search for love. United by their nerdy neuroses and a spectacular track record of romantic failures, the pair present A Marriage of Inconvenience: a show about the logistical nightmare of modern dating, and their pact to enter a sexless lavender marriage if they're still single by 40. Until then, they're saying 'I do' to the next best thing: awkwardly sharing the stage for half an hour each.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026MARRIAG
Comedy	A STAN IS BORN! – Encore	Gilded Balloon Patter House	15:40	1 hr	Aug 6-9, 11-16	Born in New York City, Alexis is forced to follow his family to... rural Germany. Trapped in a culture clash, discovering pop divas online is his salvation: Céline, Whitney, Mariah, Beyoncé, Aretha... you name 'em, he got 'em. With 10 original songs, Alexis shares the queer joy in becoming a stan (a super-duper-uber fan). But stanning has limits. Somehow being obsessed with women makes you... g-gAy?! News to me... Can Alexis stan himself, conquer the German bullies and find the diva within? A campy, queer, heartfelt hour of musical comedy. Bo Burnham, but gay!	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026STANISB
Comedy	Aarian Mehrabani: How's Your Head?	Underbelly, George Square	16:45, 17:45	1 hr	Aug 5-17, 19-31	Aarian is a triple threat. Brown, blind and bi. Arguably already too many things to talk about in a debut stand-up hour. Then 2024 came, and he only had to go and get f**king brain cancer. The highly anticipated debut stand-up show from the multi award-winning writer of the 2023 Fringe hit It's a Motherf**king Pleasure. 'Ridiculously entertaining' (TheStage.co.uk). 'Hilarious and incisive' (Playbi!l.com). 'Aarian Mehrabani has naturally perfect comedic timing, and left me genuinely winded with laughter a couple of times... Pure genius... as close to perfection as you can get' (BingeFringe.com).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026AARIANM

Comedy	Adi Parmar: Sunny Boy	Gilded Balloon Tivoli	19:00	1 hr	Aug 5-17, 19-31	Is fatherhood REAL or is it a lie made up by BIG childhood to sell MORE therapy? Join Adi Parmar (gay), as he recalls his unforgettable childhood in North India (India) and his unexpected fatherhood in North Holland (Netherlands) and makes sense of it all using the best medicine there is: Laughter (hahaha). 'Love, forgiveness and growth, all wrapped around with humour.' ***** (List). Winner Best Emerging Artist Adelaide Fringe 2026 weekly award. Soho Theatre London: Comedy Plus Lab 2025 Alumni. Newbie Comedian of the Year (Netherlands) 2024.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026ADIPIARM
Comedy	Alan Jay: Hell Hath No Humour Like a Gayboy Scorned	Gilded Balloon Patter House	18:00	1 hr	Aug 5-17, 19-30	In just a few short years, Alan Jay has become one of Scottish comedy's most exciting newcomers. Acclaimed for taking a life fraught with adversity and turning it into sharp punchlines, clever writing and topping it all off with his happy-go-lucky style and charisma. Much like his life, Alan's comedy pulls no punches, and this long-awaited debut will showcase the Leicester Square New Comedian finalist and BBC New Comedy Awards semi-finalist at his most real, raw and refined yet!	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026ALANJAY
Comedy	Alan Palmer (A Little Bit Gay)	Just The Tonic at The Mash House	14:10	50 mins	Aug 6-17, 19-30	A Little Bit Gay is an outlandish, outrageous and out and out true, stand-up special about growing up a gay Mormon, touring with the Chippendales, an unexpected turn in soft porn and being a superhero in The Mighty Morphin Power Ranger Series. All with the mantra of life is a musical! Beyond mimicry, Alan Palmer's (A Little Bit Gay) is both reverent and irreverent. A loving and hysterical tribute to the fans of stage and screen, it's a must for all lovers of the entertainment community!	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026ALANPAM
Comedy	Alex Franklin: Kiss Me x	Underbelly, Cowgate	14:25	1 hr	Aug 5-16, 18-30	What if we kissed? Right now? Xx xXx Xx xXx X X x x ("kissing"). Wow. That was wonderful. Until we meet again. As seen / heard on Channel 4 / HBO Max / BBC Radio 4. 'Deeply affecting and incredibly funny' ***** (TheWeeReview.com). 'A one-woman multiverse of gleeful possibility' *****½ (The Reviews Hub). 'Fabulously funny, absurd and intelligent' **** (Everything-Theatre.co.uk).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026ALEXFRA
Comedy	Alexis Sakellaris: CHILD STAR (Work in Progress)	Gilded Balloon Patter House	15:40	1 hr	Aug 20-23, 25-30	What if you got a lifetime opportunity... at 15?? Alexis dreams of escaping rural Germany and in 2013, he's cast in Wir Rocken Barcelona, a bona fide German Glee. Child stardom's in sight! With five other talented teens, Alexis's whisked off to Spain. But things aren't as they seem... Between in-cast beef and problematic producers, Alexis grapples with being a minor on TV, while holding onto his biggest secret... With new original songs and unearthed footage, join acclaimed musical comedian Alexis Sakellaris (A STAN IS BORN!) as he dives into his cringiest moments.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026ALEXISS
Comedy	ALOK Eat Pray Leave	Pleasance Courtyard	21:10	1 hr	Aug 5-17	Third time's the charm? Internationally, critically condemned stand-up comedian ALOK returns to the Fringe with their most intimate show yet: a comedy about love, heartbreak and the end times. Their therapist said stop dating projects, so they built one and are charging admission. A journey of self-discovery... and poor decision making. With razor-sharp wit, ALOK dissects desire, denial and the stories we tell ourselves to keep going. Suffering is universal. It might as well be funny.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026ALOEAT
Comedy	American Assholes: Escape to Edinburgh	Just The Tonic at The Mash House	22:10	1 hr	Aug 20-29	A Queer, African and Indigenous American trio (HBO, Don't Tell, Amazon Prime, New York Times – Critic's Pick, Time Out), unite for a cross-cultural comedy hour dissecting identity, politics, and why Americans might, in fact, be the worst. Smart, sharp, and occasionally unhinged, these comics deliver a Venn diagram of perspectives, overlapping in their desperate pursuit of something better: possibly love, definitely a visa. Featuring modern social satire and a marriage raffle of dubious legality. Free. Irreverent. Potentially inadmissible in court.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026AMERICF
Comedy	Amy Matthews: Definitions of Toast	Monkey Barrel Comedy (O'Neil's, The Tron)	15:00	1 hr	Aug 5-11, 13-18, 20-25, 27-30	Amy (BBC, ITVx) can't get angry. She's feeling left out – it seems to be all the rage. Literally. This is a show about attempting fury when your emotions are delivered by carrier pigeon, queerness, being Best Supporting Actor in your own life, what it means to love people on their sobriety journey and how a potion Amy made in 2002 cursed the world. 'Drily funny and giddily quirky' (Scotsman). 'She makes the deeply personal feel like a universal truth' (Rolling Stone). 'Insanely original' ***** (BroadwayBaby.com). 'Like Lily Allen' ***** (BroadwayWorld.com). Ed Byrne's tour support.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026AMYMATT
Comedy	An Asexual Show About Cumilingus by Elliott Simpson	Laughing Horse @ City Cafe	19:05	1 hr	Aug 24-30	Award-winning asexual comedian Elliott Simpson has spent the past decade telling jokes about not wanting sex, so what happens when they find themselves in love with someone who does? Cum see a surprisingly raunchy exploration of identity, doubts, fluids, flaps and happy endings (shush, not like that). Don't miss out on the sexiest asexual show to ever grace the Fringe. 'Gregarious and exuberant' (TheWeeReview.com). ***** 'Wonderfully intense, awkward and infinitely funny' (TheFringeQueer.com). ***** 'A fully formed stand-up' (NeurodiverseReview.co.uk). ***** 'Weird as f**k' (Janey Godley). 'Accessible and absurd' (TheNorwichRadical.com). 'Infectiously funny' (Independent.co.uk).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026ASEXUAL
Comedy	Andrew Doherty: Reviewers Welcome... TO DIE!	Pleasance Courtyard	22:50	1 hr	Aug 5-30	Star, creator and heartthrob of sell-out hits Gay Witch Sex Cult (**** Guardian) and Sad Gay AIDS Play (*** Guardian) returns with a new comedy-horror-revenge-slasher-spooktacular. When know-nothing, home-owning reviewer Felix Chatelier is invited to be a special guest at a new fringe festival, he is thrilled. But when he becomes embroiled with creepy townsfolk and horrific twists he must fight for his life and more importantly, his reputation, as he desperately seeks to answer the question 'Why oh why did I only give Andrew Doherty three stars?' Reviewers welcome at their peril.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026ANDREWWD
Comedy	Andrew White: What a Life!	Monkey Barrel Comedy (Cabaret Voltaire)	17:45	1 hr	Aug 3-17, 19-30	An only child with two siblings, Andrew White enjoyed a precocious childhood befriending retirees and penning self-indulgent poetry, until a literal circus clown warned him of imminent death on his 18th birthday. All the jester foretold came to pass, and now Andrew must reflect on life without three close loved ones and do his best to honour their memories. A hilarious, raw and heart-warming stand-up show all about living right, dying happy and appealing parking fines with a 76% success rate. 'Very funny' (Joe Lycett). 'Outrageously funny' (BroadwayWorld.com). 'A plethora of memorable gags' ***** (Chortle.co.uk).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026ANDREWW
Comedy	Angela Bra – Secret Diary of a Bingo Call Girl	Laughing Horse @ Bar 50	21:00	50 mins	Aug 6-10, 12-17, 19-24, 26-30	Angela Bra has seen it all. Hen do high jinx, bullies in the buff, glamorous grandmas, and mothers escaping their family for the night. She's handled more balls than a gynaecologist on a pay-per-view contract and can do it whilst leading the Macarena. She returns to Edinburgh with a brand new show packed with original songs and stories from the front line of the party bingo circuit, wrapped up in a round of her very own great British bingo for everyone to play. Critics Choice Award Winner, 2025 Bay Fringe.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026ANGELAB
Comedy	Annie Boyle: To All The Boys I've Loved Before	Underbelly, Bristo Square	17:25	1 hr	Aug 5-17, 19-30	This is my coming-out show. I actually came out mid-performance, in front of a crowd... including my Nan. Let's just say there was a joke involving a woman, a KFC and the phrase finger-lickin' good. Afterwards, I asked my cousin: Do you think there's any chance Nan thought I was just talking about the original recipe? 'Crowds will be flocking to see her in the future for sure' ***** (TD9Radio.online). As seen on Colin From Accounts and The F Ward.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026ANNIEBO
Comedy	Asian, But Wrong	The Wee Room at Laughing Horse @ The Three Sisters and Slice 2 at Hoots @ Hilton (Bread Street)	Various times	1 hr	Aug 6-30	As seen on Fisk (Netflix) and the Melbourne International Comedy Gala, Singaporean-born, Australia-based Ting Lim makes her Edinburgh Fringe debut, unpacking growing up in an unorthodox family and what happens when you don't fit anywhere. Caught between strict Singaporean rules, Malaysian chaos and Australian life, Ting navigates relationships, expectations and the quiet absurdity of never quite belonging. Smart, dark and incisive without being preachy, this show finds humour in the uncomfortable space between where you're from and where you are now. ***** (TheWest.com.au). 'Fast becoming one of Australia's hottest comedians' (BrisbaneStage.com).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/asian-but-wrong
Comedy	August McEachern: Be My Friend	theSpace @ Surgeons' Hall	23:05	50 mins	Aug 7-15, 17-22	You don't know it yet, but you are one of August's closest friends. In a one hour elevator pitch, August will convince you that they're a person you might want to spend more time with. Delusional, bawdy and brimming with love, August is excited to meet you.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026AUGUSTM

Comedy	Ayo Adenekan: Homeland Insecurity	Monkey Barrel Comedy (Cabaret Voltaire)	13:30	1 hr	Aug 4-16, 18-30	BBC New Comedy Award finalist and writer for SNL UK returns following his sold-out debut, with a romantic new hour. A summer fling in hospitality spirals into something far messier. Ayo explores summer romance and the cost of chasing your dreams. Effortlessly charming and razor-sharp, Ayo blends big laughs with beautifully observed storytelling about work, desire and the chaos of catching feelings when you really shouldn't. Winner: Best Newcomer, ISH Edinburgh Comedy Awards 2025. As seen in Queen of The New Year and Scotland Stands Up (BBC). 'Masterfully sharp' ***** (BingeFringe.com). 'Comedy gold' **** (Herald).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026AYOADEN
Comedy	B48Y Crash Lands on Earth!	Assembly George Square Studios	22:40	1 hr	Aug 5-11, 13-18, 20-24, 26-30	Greenside locals were shaken last night after a UFO ploughed straight into the infamous gay nightclub [redacted] on Greenside Place. Witnesses say they thought it was part of a drag show gone horribly wrong until the smoke and amy! cleared. A being emerged from the wreckage, described as kind of messed up but in c**y way. Local drag queen Shirley Knot alleges it stole her wig AND her vape, but this cannot be confirmed. An extraterrestrial clown show that asks, can you teach this alien how to be human?	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026B48YCRA
Comedy	Baby Lame: Hit Me Baby One More Lame!	Pleasance Courtyard	22:50	1 hr	Aug 5-17, 19-30	Cult superstar Baby Lame is Britney Spears in a hilariously unhinged punk odyssey, uncovering the true (but completely unauthorised and definitely not approved by her legal team) story of the world's most chaotic pop icon. Featuring 100(ish) Britney bangers, space travel, romance, murder and full-throttle pop madness, co-starring the entire audience. Directed by Deanna Fleysher (Butt Kapinski / Red Bastard). This is the Britney saga nobody asked for, but everyone will remember. 'A wildly entertaining force to be reckoned with' (CultureFix.co.uk). 'Badass, gutsy and kind of kinky too' (Fest).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026BABYLAM
Comedy	Barnish & Carmichael: Probably The Greatest Improv Duo You Have Never Heard Of	Laughing Horse @ Boston Bar (New Town)	21:30	1 hr	Aug 24-27	For almost a decade, the superbly talented Barnish & Carmichael have performed some of the greatest improv comedy shows around the world to virtually empty rooms, which is why you've never heard of them. Join the dynamic pair for an unforgettable hour where absolutely anything can happen, from an action-packed murder mystery to a romantic comedy of errors. Discover your new favourite act and help them turn their audience numbers into double figures. 'The UK's answer to TJ and Dave' (Stuart Moses, The Improv London Podcast).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026BARNISH
Comedy	Beer with a Queer	Paradise in Augustines	23:15	1 hr	Aug 8-15, 17-22, 24-30	Stand up comedian Jeff Klein brings his online show Beer with a Queer to live audiences again. In this show he will tell the story of coming out and finding his place in his community, he will take questions from the audience answering for the whole gay community, he will interview someone every show, and all of this while trying new and local beers throughout the show and giving his opinion on those as well. It's fun. It's funny. It's unique. Don't miss it.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026BEERWIV
Comedy	Best of the Queer Fringe	Gilded Balloon Patter House	22:20	1 hr	Aug 5-11, 13-18, 20-25, 27-30	A mixed-bill line-up of the best LGBTQ+ stand-up comedians from across the Fringe from the UK's first LGBTQ+ stand-up comedy club, The Queer Comedy Club. Fresh from our two TV series on OUTtv we're bringing you an incredible line-up of different queer comedians every night, including TV comedians and rising stars. In the past we've had Larry Dean, Sarah Keyworth, Kemah Bob, Felicity Ward and more! You never know who you're going to see! 'Inspirational' (Attitude). 'An institution of London's LGBTQ+ scene' (Guardian).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026BESTOFU
Comedy	Bitches in Stitches: The New Grrrl Order	Laughing Horse @ Boston Bar (New Town)	20:15	1 hr	Aug 10-13, 17-20, 24-27	We're a global, all-femme/them stand-up collective (as featured in Vogue, Rolling Stone, The New Feminist and Tatler) shaking up comedy from Hong Kong to Manila, Manchester to London, and now right here in Edinburgh. We're rewriting the rules on who gets the mic and what stories get told – and trust us, nothing's off-limits. Our show is an hour of empowerment that celebrates femmes/thems in all their shapes and forms, with a five-person lineup of international comedians, and a diverse set of unfiltered voices working to fill the room with laughter.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026BITCHES
Comedy	Blessings from a Blesbian Boomer	PBH's Free Fringe @ CC Blooms	21:15	50 mins	Aug 8-30	Blessings from a Blesbian (Black lesbian) Boomer is a solo LGBTQ+ 50-minute stand-up comedy show. It is 69 (pun intended) years of hilarious blessings from the adventures of a Blesbian Boomer Blerd Blirder comic (she/her) who is also a writer, journalist, author, podcaster, blogger and mother of three, grandmother of one. I will name drop.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026BLESSIN
Comedy	Bloomin' Late	Laughing Horse @ Home Bar	16:15	1 hr	Aug 6-16, 18-23, 25-30	Do you love getting older? Do you hate getting older? Then this line-up show is for you! International comedians unpack the laugh-or-you'll-cry experience of middle age. Unlike millennials, we don't have mental health issues; we have a personality. We don't ghost, we divorce. And we've found our life purpose, thanks – it's a burnout with benefits. Start your day with a healthy dose of comedy. Because turmeric can only do so much. A show for those young at heart, just not in the face. Hosted by midlife Brit in Europe Sharon VS, in her prime / definitely not	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026BLOOMIN
Comedy	Boxticker	Hoots @ The Apex	16:40	1 hr	Aug 7-16	Becky is many things: a nurse, divorced, queer, ADHD-er, vegan, bleeding heart liberal and perpetually baffled. She's never seen an episode of Love Island, but she has shoed away her patients' hallucinated spiders. Come with her on a journey to see how many boxes she, (and you?!), can tick and whether any of them matter. Her affair with comedy has lasted longer than both her marriage and her nursing career: and this is her first solo show! 'Her material content is wide, varied and most importantly funny... a good future ahead of her' (One4Review.co.uk).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026BOXTICK
Comedy	Brendan Scannell: The Abyss	Bothie at Gilded Balloon Patter House	21:20	1 hr	Aug 5-16, 18-30	After a sold out 2026 Hollywood Fringe run and Top of the Fringe and Solo Theatre Award nominations, Emmy nominated actor and comedian Brendan Scannell makes his Edinburgh debut with The Abyss. Part stand-up, part deep dive in a sinking submersible, descend to the depths of Brendan's brain where his Irish mother is a life coach obsessed with death, his brother is communing spiritually with Gwyneth Paltrow, and his inner child is a total asshole. Star of Netflix's Bonding and Paramount's Heathers, Scannell has headlined at Netflix is a Joke, NY Comedy Festival and SF Sketchfest.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/brendan-scannell-the-abyss
Comedy	Brit Barron: CHURCH	Gilded Balloon Terviot	12:40	1 hr	Aug 5-9, 11-16, 18-23, 25-30	CHURCH is a one-woman comedy show from the mind of LA-based stand-up comedian, former megachurch pastor and storyteller Brit Barron. Blending sharp stand-up, theatrical storytelling and live gospel music, Barron stages the show like a church service, equal parts revival and irreverence. A sold-out hit in Los Angeles, CHURCH is a hilarious and heartfelt exploration of faith, queerness, race and religious trauma.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026BRITBAR
Comedy	Bryn Woz: SMUT	Snug Bar at Assembly Roxy	21:10	1 hr	Aug 5-17, 19-24, 26-31	Former burlesque superstar Entendre Entendre invites audiences to the launch of her memoir, SMUT, recounting her many, MANY lovers. The wild, weird, and unfortunately true, tales found within are delivered through song, striptease, filthy poetry, scandalous storytelling, and audience interaction. Entendre lets it all hang out – sometimes more than she intends. 'Extraordinary... funny, very rude, genuinely moving and memorably powerful all at once' **** (Scotsman). 'Poignant and profound' **** (EdinburgischeDramaturgie.wordpress.com). Created and performed by Bryn Woz. Directed by Rachel Resnik.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/bryn-woz-smut
Comedy	Catherine Bohart: Work in Progress	Monkey Barrel Comedy	12:00	1 hr	Aug 15-23, 25-30	Edinburgh Comedy Award nominee Catherine Bohart returns to the Fringe to build a brand-new show about her birthright – all-encompassing, generational worry. But it's a laugh! As seen and heard on Live at the Apollo, QI, The Last Leg, A League of Their Own, Mock the Week, The Mash Report, The News Quiz, Last One Laughing Ireland and her Amazon Prime special Immaculate. Co-host of hit podcasts Tonsil Hockey and Trusty Hogs. 'A firecracker' ***** (Guardian). 'A real delight' **** (Chortle.co.uk). 'Cynically hilarious' **** (Scotsman).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026CATHERJ
Comedy	ChatLGBT	Laughing Horse @ Coco Boho	17:15	1 hr	Aug 11-16	ChatLGBT – the queer answer to all your questions. Put away your phone and come along to ask your burning questions to a bunch of sassy comedians! Why ask AI when you can ask the best source of advice – Slay!?! Artificial intelligence will never replace the queens of this world. Caution: unlike AI who will coax your ego, Slay! I may roast you for comedic value or give you terrible advice in order to make the plot more exciting!	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026CHATLGB

Comedy	Chris Parker: Take A Good Hard Look At Me	Pleasance Courtyard	16:45	1 hr	Aug 24-30	Hello! I won't sugar coat it in the blurb. I'm just a 35-year-old gay man, who was told there was something special about him as a kid, standing in front of an audience asking them to take a good hard look at me! The New Zealand superstar stand-up (Taskmaster New Zealand, Guy Montgomery's Guy Mont-Spelling Bee) returns to the Fringe! 'By the time the show ends, you'll have sore sides from laughing' (NZ Herald). 'Chris Parker is the real deal, a brilliant comedian who will leave you scream-laughing' ***** (Time Out).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026CHRISPA
Comedy	Christopher Hall: Pizazz	Gilded Balloon Teviot	20:20	1 hr	Aug 5-10, 12-17, 19-24, 26-31	Showman, jester, attention chaser, Christopher Hall is back with his sparkling new show Pizazz. Come along on the dream night out, he'll give you a hilariously fun soir�e and you'll be tucked up in bed at a sensible time. Instantly recognisable from iconic Background Singer videos with Sugababes, Sophie Ellis-Bextor, Shania Twain and the Stay Hydrated podcast, Chris (1.2M Instagram and TikTok followers) is back IRL with his brilliantly hilarious stand-up show with a high possibility of an outbreak of dancing. 'Brilliantly relatable and funny' ***** (EdFestMag.com). ***** (EdFringeReview.com). ***** (BroadwayBaby.com).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026CHRISTO
Comedy	Coco The Time-Travelling Tart	Underbelly, George Square	21:45	1 hr	Aug 5-17, 19-24, 26-30	A priceless object has gone missing, the timeline is beginning to unravel, and London's most scandalous socialite needs your help. Join historical hazard Coco The Time-Travelling Tart for a wildly interactive, high-glamour comedy adventure packed with outrageous historical encounters, theatrical chaos and absolutely no respect for the past. Over 50 million views online! Come make history misbehave @Coco.TimeTart. ***** (List). 'Riotously funny' (WhatsTheShow.com.au). 'Fast, filthy and ferocely funny' (MissmandamMedia.com).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026COCOTHF
Comedy	Comedy Queers	Laughing Horse @ Bar 50	21:15	1 hr	Aug 6-30	Comedy Queers is a spicy mix of outrageous queer comedians, cabaret and drag acts. A sell-out Fringe phenomenon since 2018. Looking for diversity? It's what we do best, babe! If you've seen enough cis, straight dudes with the same haircut / t-shirt / jokes / toxicity, come and party with the kings, queens and royal-themes of comedy. Expect chaos, drag, stand-up, glitter, queer joy and a rotating line-up of LGBTQIA+ acts. Comedy Queers is a big queer party. Every. Single. Night! For LGBTQIA+ folk and allies to enjoy live comedy without their identity being the punchline. ***** (DeadlineNews.co.uk).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026COMEDYQ
Comedy	Coming Through	The Gilded Saloon	14:20	1 hr	Aug 5-16	What happens when you put your favourite comedians in a room? We did exactly that, and now we're bringing them to you. Pure Leo presents a showcase of our favourite comedians: Kate Hamner, Ifrah Qureshi, Charlie Vero-Martin and Beth Knight. We know these women are ones to watch, which is why we've brought them together for a lively, fast-paced hour where they take turns hosting and performing to keep the energy high and the laughs coming. Four brilliant performers, one hour of comedy and talent very much on the way up. Catch them now while they're coming through.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026EANTBE
Comedy	Couplet: Folk Marry Kill	Assembly George Square Studios	16:35	1 hr	Aug 5-17, 19-30	Last year, married comedy duo Couplet stole the hearts of audiences with their show Honey Honey Moon Moon which they debuted on their real honeymoon at the Edinburgh Fringe – ***** (EdFestMag.com), (StarburstMagazine.com). This year they return with a hot new hour of consensual folkling, Folk Marry Kill. With their fiddle and guitar, Marina and Micah tell so-weird-they-must-be-true stories from a decade of being monogamous... a British sleep hypnotist, a therapy workbook that doesn't hold back and an Uber driver who loves his zip ties. They'll keep folkling till death do them part.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026COUPLET
Comedy	Courtney B�chner: One of the Girls	Pleasance Courtyard	18:55	1 hr	Aug 7-31	A show that will make you laugh, cringe and text your best friend immediately. Following her sold-out Edinburgh Fringe Debut, I wrote this Show Last Night, and her five-star follow-up, Big, If True, Courtney returns with a story about friendship. Or rather, the end of a friendship. 'Uniquely charming' ***** (EdFringeReview.com).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026COURTNE
Comedy	Craig Hill: You're Not Even Safe Up the Back!	Just The Tonic Nucleus	19:25	1 hr	Aug 6-16, 19-23, 26-30	You saw his entrance last year, now Craig bounces back so lock the exits! Belt up for a thrilling, quick-fire comedy flight, packed with razor-sharp wit and spontaneity. He's behind you! Actually, he's in front of you and there's nowhere to hide! A Fringe favourite with wide appeal, Hill has audiences in paroxysms of laughter, barely able to breathe before take off again. Strap yourself in! Expect electric energy, fearless improvisation and the kind of live comedy that turns rooms upside down. 'Craig Hill live is a revelation' (Scotsman).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026CRAIGHI
Comedy	Creepy Boys: SLUGS	TechCube 0 at Summerhall	22:40	1 hr	Aug 6-17	It's about nothing, nothing, nothing, nothing, nothing, nothing, nothing, nothing, nothing, nothing. We promise. For tonight, we are free. From the award-winning performance/comedy duo Creepy Boys, S.E. Grummett and Sam Kruger, this anarchic fever dream is a techno-punk concert, a play, a clown show and a basement puppet nightmare all rolled into one. Best Show nominee, Edinburgh Comedy Awards 2025. 'The underground hit of the 2025 Edinburgh Fringe' (Telegraph). ***** (Guardian). ***** (Scotsman). ***** (Chortle.co.uk). ***** (ToDotList.org.uk). ***** (BroadwayBaby.com). ***** (List). ***** (Financial Times). ***** (Fest).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/creepy-boys-slugs
Comedy	Crudi Dench: Someone Help Her!	Underbelly, Cowgate	20:10	1 hr	Aug 5-16, 18-23, 25-30	'Ring ring' Who is it? It's comedian, actor, cabaret star, delusional diva and all-round cheeky northern piglet Crudi Dench! You've been invited to the live taping of her new light-entertainment TV show Someone Help Her! featuring surprise celebrity guests helping to solve the problems of those phoning in. Chaos ensues in this long-awaited debut hour from the star and writer of award-winning, sell-out Fringe shows Drag Queens vs Zombies and Drag Queens vs Vampires. Expect stand-up, audience interaction and a drag queen bravely answering a telephone. 'Riotously funny and surprisingly poignant' ***** (SussexOnlineNews.co.uk).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026CRUIDIE
Comedy	Dan James: Lucky	Laughing Horse @ The Counting House	0:15	50 mins	Aug 7-13	Dan James didn't feel emotions until he was 30 – now he's making up for lost time. A new queer stand-up hour for anyone who's glued to their phone. Opening act for Joel Kim Booster, Jay Jurden, James Adomian and Rachel Scanlon. Thirty million views online. I Heart Jokes Awards Best Newcomer nominee. SiriusXM Comedy Club Best of 2025.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026DANJAME
Comedy	Dane Buckley: Darling	Pleasance Courtyard	18:00	1 hr	Aug 5-16, 18-30	The world's only Irish, Indian, gay comedian (probably) delivers his debut stand-up hour about Irish mummies, Indian grannies and his archenemy: the parish priest. Expect cheeky, camp mischief and an ode to butter. As seen on Channel 4's 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown, BBC One and Comedy Central. Tour Support for Josh Widdicombe, Tom Allen, Joanne McNally and Rosie Jones. Finalist for BBC New Comedy Awards, British Comedian of the Year and The Sean Lock Comedy Awards. Pleasance Reserve alumni. Co-host of the top ten podcast Welcome To Hell. 'Slick and personable' (Chortle.co.uk).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026DANEBCUC
Comedy	Distraction Hero – A Stand-Up Show	Southsider at PBH's Free Fringe @ Southsider	14:10	50 mins	Aug 15-22	In a world of great uncertainty, there is one hero that can distract it. From the fjords of Norway, the neurotic and people-pleasing trans comedian, Thea Thorkildsen delivers a fun stand-up show about being different and finding her role in uncertain times. Her comedy has been described as funny and moving. Expect hilarious one-liners, fun and personal stories, interesting perspectives. You don't want to miss out!	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/distraction-hero-a-stand-up-show
Comedy	Dr Jimmy: First Steps Into the Gay-niverse	Laughing Horse @ The Brass Monkey	11:15	45 mins	Aug 6-23	Dr Jimmy has one aim: to discover the ultimate Theory of Everything (or become the first gay man to win a Nobel Prize in Physics). Why are waves gay? Particles straight? And quantum mechanics the ultimate textbook guide to being bisexual? Why are quarks queer? Tops difficult to observe? And bottoms are literally EVERYWHERE! Dr Jimmy collides hardcore physics with hardcore queerness (and existential dread) as he scales the peak of all knowledge. So, join Dr Jimmy at the frontier of physics and stand naked (maybe even literally?) before the universe.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026DRJIMMY
Comedy	East Infection	Laughing Horse @ West Port Oracle	17:00	50 mins	Aug 6-29	There is no punching up or down for her as the East Infection will come and get everyone. Not clean, not safe, not left and not right, but all coming from the right place of heart! Geopolitical darkness + shameless personal stories about sex, social issues, politics, religion and relationships coming from a queer immigrant = chaos and nonsense and laughs. Having grown up in China and lived in the United States, Yoky spreads funny germs one European city at a time. 'Sharp-witted, quick-tongued, edgy and 100% hilarious. Expect the unexpected with Yoky!' (A British White Lady).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026EASTINF

Comedy	Eva Peroni: Jungled	Gilded Balloon Teviot	16:40	1 hr	Aug 5-16, 18-30	At 17, Eva moved from Livingston to Costa Rica on her own. She dropped out of school and moved to Costa Rica a boy-mad wee bam. She came back a bald lesbian without shoes. A fast, brutally funny debut about how you can take the girl out of Livingston, but maybe Costa Rica is too far. 'One of the best young acts on the Scottish circuit' (One4Review.co.uk). 'A rising star' (List). Support for Kim Blythe, Sam Nicoresti and Susie McCabe.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on2026EVAPERONI
Comedy	Fanny Bleach: The Nearly Naked Show	Assembly Roxy	21:50	1 hr	Aug 5-17, 19-24, 26-30	Award-winning drag thing Fanny Bleach brings you The Nearly Naked Show, a Mighty Boosh and Leigh Bowery mash-up, full of guts and glitter. This fantastical freak show is a reclamation of the naked body in all its gory glory. Join cabaret, drag, performance art and comedy star Fanny on a journey through the universe of her mind in all its creepiest corners and crevices, but please try to keep your hands inside the ride. 'A parade of chaos, craft and c'tery' (Narc 'Face Acting Heaven' Narc).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on2026FANNYBL
Comedy	Feral Daydreams	Greenside @ George Street	17:15	50 mins	Aug 24-29	A chaotic, gloriously messy overshare that stumbles spectacularly through life, this wildly funny, deeply personal one-woman comedy explores ADHD, queerness, and the very specific trauma of a one-night stand involving a tiramisu. Through high-energy storytelling, razor-sharp stand-up, and a few terribly written musical numbers, Feral Daydreams dives into the unruly but utterly lovable mind of a late-diagnosed daydreamer navigating toward self-acceptance. Fast-paced, unhinged, and unexpectedly moving, it skewers dating disasters, disabilities, and what it means to be a woman today. Equal parts feral and feel-good, it's the perfect Fringe palate-cleanser, leaving audiences lighter, brighter, and joyfully untamed.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on2026FERALDA
Comedy	FOC IT UP! with Kemah Bob	Shedniburgh @ Assembly Checkpoint	22:00	1 hr	Aug 13, Aug 21	The Femmes of Colo(u)r Comedy Club presents the fiercest mixed bills unapologetically celebrating and centring women and trans comedians of colour. Hosted by founder Kemah Bob, each show is impossible to repeat, disrupting the status quo with a 100% no-white-dudes-onstage guarantee. FOC IT UP! has hit London, Latitude, Southbank Festival and Just For Laughs London with electric, sell-out nights packed with big laughs and big energy. Now they're back in Edinburgh bringing the party to the Shed! This will be a special Shedniburgh version of the show.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on2026FOCITUP
Comedy	Friendliest	Gilded Balloon Teviot	18:00	1 hr	Aug 5-17, 19-31	Drew Lausch grew up gay in Fargo, North Dakota. So he did what any emotionally stable teenager would do: invented the world's first gay superhero. Years later, he's still trying to save himself. Friendliest is a dark, funny and quietly devastating solo show about first love, small-town repression and the creative impulse to rewrite your own origin story. Blending biting stand-up with raw storytelling, Drew unpacks the boy he hurt, the hero he built, and the mess in between. It's sharp, intimate and occasionally feral. Written and performed by Drew Lausch. Directed by Jenny Leon.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on2026FRIENDL
Comedy	Funeral Show	Greenside @ George Street	17:30	50 mins	Aug 17-22, 24-29	Following its award-winning debut at Hollywood Fringe Festival 2025, Funeral Show arrives in Edinburgh! Elena Martinez's one-woman dark comedy pokes around in the well-known wound of when your parental relationship becomes terminal. You're all invited to a musical, drag, clown spectacle that seeks closure when your parent is neither gone, forgotten... nor in your life. Celebrate the bygone good times in memory of a life still being lived. Bring your tissues and dress in black – the mourning has begun.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on2026FUNERAL
Comedy	Geraldine Hickey: A Weight Off My Chest	Assembly George Square Studios	18:40	1 hr	Aug 5-18, 20-30	I had breast reduction surgery, but they took them all. They were big and heavy and I wanted it to be easier to find clothes that would fit. I wanted to be ready to evacuate in the middle of the night and not think I would die in a fire with one arm stuck in a bra strap. I wanted to believe in the possibility of doing a handstand... without hitting myself in the face. This show is like a big warm hug from your favourite (undeniably queer) aunty' ***** (Time Out, 2025).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on2026GERALDI
Comedy	GOSS	Roxyboxy at Assembly Roxy	21:55	1 hr	Aug 17-30	Award-winning dancer and comedian Sam Burkett is here for the freshest gossip – and they want it LIVE. Watch them spin your stories into a hilarious blend of improv comedy and experimental dance. Expect the unexpected, and come ready to spill. GOSS is an improvised dance-comedy solo show where Sam gossips with the audience live. Each performance is entirely unique, shaped by spontaneous conversations, physicality and the atmosphere in the room. Think crowd work special meets performance art. It's about creating a space of genuine listening and connection... that is also incredibly stupid.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on2026GOSS
Comedy	Guilt Free	Just The Sniffer Room at Just The Tonic at The Mash House	15:15	1 hr	Aug 20-30	Meet America's top infomercial actress, Gwyneth Paltrow's personal almond counter, and an arsonist of chain restaurants. Maddie Silverstein's debut solo show explores the surreal pressure to be thin and breaks down diet culture with ease. 'Maddie is a fearless performer with the rare ability to make the absurdity of diet culture both hilarious and deeply uncomfortable' (Amanda Richards, author, Fat Hall).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on2026GUILT-FREE
Comedy	Gutter	Underbelly, Bristo Square	23:20	1 hr 10 mins	Aug 18-30	Gutter is London's sell-out underground comedy night, making its Fringe premiere. Hosted by a vicious bouffon troupe – 'a little bit nasty' (Philippe Gaulier) – who crawl out of a bin to run the show. A world of clowning, drag and alternative cabaret, with a rotating line-up of stand-out and emerging performers. Each night draws the audience in, then insidiously turns on them. Chortle Award nominated for Best Alternative and Clowning. Created by Tom Greaves (Fudgey: Best Reviewed Shows 2024, Comedy.co.uk). Late-night comedy that refuses to behave.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on2026GUTTER
Comedy	Guy Branum: Be Fruitful	Gilded Balloon Teviot	20:30	1 hr	Aug 5-31	Emmy and Golden-Globe winning comedian Guy Branum goes on a joke-dense slide show journey through religion and science arguing that he, as a clinically obese gay man, does not serve any practical purpose. Guy recruits his audience to look at the origins of homophobia and anti-fat bias and asks how correct they might be. He uses this journey to explore how we tell stories about people traditionally ignored, why he's bad at telling stories, the 1984 Tony Awards, the first and only time he's been in love, and, of course, the biology and evolution of fruit.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on2026GUYBRAN
Comedy	Here Comes Almost	Playground 1 at ZOO Playground	21:30	1 hr	Aug 7-16, 18-23, 25-30	We are in a loneliness epidemic! In 2023, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared loneliness a global health threat. In response, they've sent Almost – a hopelessly hopeful clown – to solve it one theatre at a time! Through physical comedy, song, dance and audience interaction, Here Comes Almost follows one clown's wildly misguided yet sincere attempts to cure the world of loneliness.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on2026HERE-COMES-ALMOST
Comedy	Hill and Jones Comedy Catastrophe	Just The Tonic at Subway	19:10	1 hr	Aug 6-17	It won't be alright on the night... When Hill and Jones land a last-minute slot at a major comedy show, it's their big break. What could possibly go wrong? Backstage, everything. 'Serious comedian' Ryan Hill is determined to prove they belong. 'Loveable idiot' Ben Jones is determined to be... helpful. Onstage, they fight to hold it together. A fast, chaotic mix of comedy, characters and sheer stupidity, as egos clash, sketches misfire and the show threatens to collapse around them. A comedy about failure, friendship and a show going spectacularly wrong.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on2026HILLAND
Comedy	Hot Singles in Your Area (Are Having an Existential Crisis)	PBH's Free Fringe @ BrewDog Lothian Rd	12:15, 19:15, 21:35	50 mins	Aug 17-19	What if you spent your whole life looking for love – only to discover it was never that interesting in the first place? Join two of London's smartest, silliest and most despairing new stand-ups for an hour of razor-sharp jokes and existential crisis. Eastern European, feminist, Irish Catholic and gay influences collide in a world of horny widows, bougie priests, and sexy communists. If only dating was this much fun.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on2026HOTSINH
Comedy	Hot Singles in Your Area (Are Having an Existential Crisis)	PBH's Free Fringe @ Pizza Geeks Easter Road	16:50, 22:40	50 mins	Aug 8-15, 21	What if you spent your whole life looking for love – only to discover it was never that interesting in the first place? Join two of London's smartest, silliest and most despairing new stand-ups for an hour of razor-sharp jokes and existential crisis. Eastern European, feminist, Irish Catholic and gay influences collide in a world of horny widows, bougie priests, and sexy communists. If only dating was this much fun.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on2026HOTSINH

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Comedy	How to Art	Iron Belly at Underbelly, Cowgate	21:40	1 hr	Aug 5-16, 18-23, 25-30	Two bananas wake up duct-taped to the wall of an art gallery. Three artists, two auctions, one audience. Get ready to bid! An award-winning clown-fruit mash-up about making art, surviving and chasing mass a-peel. In a world that values youth, perfection and mass production, can two bruised bananas go the distance? Ripe with potential, can they find their place before they're put up for sale? Find out how starving these artists truly are. Winner of the Melbourne Fringe Tour Ready Award and nominated for Best in Theatre, 2025. 'Clowning at the 11th level of intensity' ****1/2 (TheatreThoughtsAus.com).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/how-to-art
Comedy	Jack Rooke: Good Grief	Underbelly, Bristo Square	19:00	1 hr	Aug 27-29	BAFTA winner and recovering spoken-word artist Jack Rooke (Creator of Hulu/Channel 4's Big Boys), revives his debut comedy-theatre hour, a decade after its first Fringe run. Featuring the original show (co-written with his nan) and new content, this retrospective explores grief, milking having a dead dad for personal/professional gain, the innocence of writing just for oneself before the interference of 'telly wankers', and the palpable regret of his own decline into becoming said 'telly wanker'. Directed by Gabriel Bisset-Smith. 'Good Grief 2.0 [is] a delightful and still affecting watch' (Guardian). 'Engaging, frank, humorous' (New York Times).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026JACKROP
Comedy	James Barr: A Punchy Title (WIP)	Underbelly, Bristo Square	16:15	1 hr	Aug 18-30	'Hi James 'Sorry I Hurt Your Son (Said My Ex To My Mum)' is a long title. Would you consider something punchier? Warmly, The Industry.' NextUp's Biggest Award in Comedy nominee, James Barr, is back! Comedian and broadcaster on Hits Radio, he is the storyteller behind one of the most talked-about shows of Edinburgh Fringe 2025. 'Sorry I Hurt Your Son (Said My Ex To My Mum)'. British Comedy Guide's Best Reviewed Shows of Edinburgh Fringe 2025. ISH Edinburgh Comedy Awards Best Show longlist, British LGBT Awards 2025 Top 10 LGBTQ+ Public Figure.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026JAMESBA
Comedy	James Barr: Sorry I Hurt Your Son (Said My Ex to My Mum)	Underbelly, Bristo Square	21:50	1 hr	Aug 27-29	Domestic abuse isn't funny, but this show is. Trailblazing comedian James Barr returns to Edinburgh with his bold, award-nominated, 'genre-defying' (ArtsHub.com.au) stand-up hour about the things his ex-boyfriend did to him, including a pushy-wushy down the stairs-wairsty. Shortlisted at The British LGBT Awards. 'Gloriously empowering' **** (BroadwayBaby.com). As seen on Piers Morgan Uncensored, Hits Radio UK and the British Podcast Award-winning A Gay and A NonGay.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026JAMESBB
Comedy	James O'Donoghue is Normal	Just The Tonic at The Mash House	17:20	45 mins	Aug 6-17	James O'Donoghue is unlikely to cause issues for pensioners. James O'Donoghue is liked by all of their friends. James O'Donoghue is Normal is a stand-up comedy show about WWII Soviet tank warfare, eight-year-old street hecklers and a very personal vendetta against Mickey Mouse. It is about failing spectacularly to be a Normal Human Being, while wearing a sequinned ballgown and six-inch heels. Defiantly weird and wickedly funny, enjoy a ramble through the wet pulsating brain of one of the most unique rising stars of the UK comedy circuit.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026JAMESOD
Comedy	Japanese Grandma Funeral	Playground 1 at ZOO Playground	17:45	1 hr	Aug 7-9, 11-16, 18-30	Kento the clown missed his grandmother's funeral in Japan due to Covid restrictions. He's trying to recreate the traditional rites, but it keeps going wrong. Can the audience help him achieve closure in this gentle, heartwarming comedy? Blending clown and storytelling with Japanese and Okinawan funeral customs, Kento attempts to process 108 of his grandma's memories, along with unresolved thoughts and small, stubborn facts about her life, in a show that is both deeply personal, yet widely relatable. What begins as a failed ceremony becomes a gentle, intimate invitation to laugh, remember and let go.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/japanese-grandma-funeral
Comedy	Jehovah's Witness for the Prosecution – Work in Progress	PBH's Free Fringe @ Carbon	19:10	50 mins	Aug 15-21	Chris Ford, known for his sharp wit and infectious charm, brings his show to the stage with humour and honesty. Blending stories of growing up as a strict Jehovah's Witness with life as an A&E nurse, he explores identity, belief and resilience. Through sharp storytelling and self-deprecating humour, he reflects on teenage years shaped by faith, shame and desire in a world where questioning was forbidden. From queer awakenings to the absurdities of NHS life, this is raw, heartfelt, laugh-out-loud comedy with a story that deserves to be heard.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026JEHOVAI
Comedy	Joan Q, Genuine Intuitive	Back Room at PBH's Free Fringe @ The Tailor Cafe and Wine Bar and Beer Garden at PBH's Free Fringe @ The Outhouse Bar	Various times	50 mins	Aug 8-12, 14-19	Joan Q – a comic clairvoyant with a morbid wit and open heart – is delighted to welcome audiences into her 50-minute interactive psychic comedy séance, where vintage glamour and theatrical camp collide. 'So popular that soon everyone was upstairs in the reading rooms', wrote Sally Quinn in Vanity Fair of Joan's party readings. Now the Genuine Intuitive brings tarot, cosmic gossip, surprise guests and unscripted audience encounters to the stage. Whether you're a skeptic, a believer, or somewhere in between, Joan invites you to laugh, wonder, and see the world through her rosy enchanted lens.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/joan-q-genuine-intuitive
Comedy	Jodie Mitchell: John Travulva Finds His Father (But Only to Get an Irish Passport) [Work in Progress]	Monkey Barrel Comedy (O'Neill's, The Tron)	12:10, 13:55, 15:00	1 hr	Aug 17-19	Join award-winning Drag King John Travulva on a mission to find his biological father, but ONLY to get an Irish passport.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026JODIEMI
Comedy	Jonathan Rudge: Stay at Home Son	Just The Tonic at The Mash House	20:35	55 mins	Aug 6-17, 19-30	In this, his brand new show 'Stay at Home Son', Londoner (oh shut up) Jonathan dives into the world of messed-up-millennials and manifesting adoption into the Beckham's now there's a spare seat at the table (Love heart hands Brooklyn x). Nominated for no awards and never a sold-out show – Jonathan is fresh meat. This is a chance to see him before he hits the big time so don't miss out. *Not written by ChatGPT.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026STAYATH
Comedy	Julian Clary: Fully Dilated	Assembly Rooms	17:30	1 hr	Aug 14-23	It's too early for filth, so think cucumber sandwiches and cream teas. No, not cucumbers, in case I accidentally shove one up my jacksie. Old habits die hard. I've decided to open up to the public and reveal all. No more hiding behind a stage persona, I'm going to be myself. The question is will you be able to tell the difference? In this show I'll reveal intimate secrets of my life and share the traumas that have led me to lead the life of a camp comic and renowned homosexual. 'A tsunami of smut' (Guardian).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026JULIANC
Comedy	Juliette Burton: Villain Era	Gilded Balloon Teviot	18:30	1 hr	Aug 5-16, 18-30	As the sun sets, a new antihero awakens. Calling all big-hearted heroes! Award-winning comedian Juliette Burton is summoning YOU. Join the dark side in a comedy quest for grown-up geeks and justice-hungry joy seekers ready to battle the REAL dragons: inequality and bad sex lives. It's time to iron out the kinks! Burton brings armour of hard truths, high fantasy and hilarity. Live nerdgasms possible. 'Fun, fabulous, relatable, and a safe space for nerds. **** (Edinburgh-Reviews.co.uk). Praise for previous shows: 'Hilarious' ***** (EdFestMag.com). 'Marvellous' ***** (StarburstMagazine.com). ***** (VoiceMag.uk). ***** (FemaleArts.wordpress.com). 'Fringe favourite' (Guardian). 'Fringe legend' (FringeReview.co.uk).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026JULIETU
Comedy	Justin Elizabeth Sayre Is a 40-Year-Old Woman	Underbelly, Bristo Square	18:10	1 hr	Aug 5-16, 18-30	A comedy about false eyelashes and the truth that sizzles beneath: with the signature wit that's made them a staple of downtown New York, Sayre celebrates the stylish women of yesteryear and forges a path towards being the witty, wonderful, fabulous and foul-mouthed dame they've always dreamed they'd be. To Sayre, being a 40-Year-Old Woman is more than candles on a cake; it's a way of being fully yourself. Fasten your seat belts, it's going to be a hilarious ride!	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026JUSTINE
Comedy	Justina Seselskaite: Settled	Hoots @ Hilton (Bread Street)	19:50	45 mins	Aug 7-27, 29-31	A sharp, witty show developed through sold-out previews and major comedy festivals across the UK. Praised by BlizzardComedy.co.uk as a 'masterclass in full-length storytelling', it blends punchlines with a satisfying narrative. The show explores Justina's journey as an immigrant since moving to the UK in 2014, capturing the humour and challenges of adapting to a new culture. Justina is an award-winning comedian and a finalist in So You Think You're Funny? She supported Hayley Ellis, Nina Gilligan, Mark Bittestone and Katie Norris on tour and appeared on NextUp and BBC iPlayer. Described as Brilliant' (Micky Flanagan).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026SETTLED

Comedy	Kate Butch: A Kate in the Hand is Worth Two in the Butch	Pleasance Dome	20:00	1 hr	Aug 5-18, 20-30	Kate Butch, the star of RuPaul's Drag Race UK, The Power of Parker, Celebrity Mastermind and at least three episodes of Crimewatch, is back in Edinburgh with a new stand-up show. This 'great comedian' (WhatsOnStage.com) is on a mission: become a better person or die trying. Through the medium of sequins, proverbs and foliage, join Kate as she dissects the shadiest moments of her life and find out whether you really can teach an old dog to change its spots as it shits in the woods.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on2026KATEBUT
Comedy	Kate Hammer: Government Approved Comedian	The Studio at Monkey Barrel Comedy (Niddry Street)	17:00	1 hr	Aug 3-18, 20-30	One Canadian needs to make you laugh, otherwise she will be deported. Join Kate as she navigates proving herself to get a Global Talent Visa, getting dominated on Vinted, and breaking up with an identical twin. As seen on Breaking the News, BBC Scotland, Roast Battle League and Channel 4. 'A full package, all tools comedian... It is impossible not to vibe with Hammer' (Comedy.co.uk). 'Frenetic and clownishly graphic' (Chortle.co.uk). 'Dynamic and charismatic' (BroadwayWorld.com). 'Delightful on stage... knows exactly how to land a line' (One4Review.co.uk).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/kate-hammer-government-approved-comedian
Comedy	Kim Blythe: Puzzle	Doonstairs at Gilded Balloon Patter House	19:00	1 hr	Aug 5-16, 18-31	Sold out Fringe run 2025 and Sir Billy Connolly Spirit of Glasgow nominee 2025 and 2026. CLUES – Single Item (1) Foolish Bird (5,5) Onstage Routine (5,2) Stage Presentation (4)	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/kim-blythe-puzzle
Comedy	Lachlan Werner: Sleeper Hit (WIP)	Monkey Barrel Comedy	0:50	1 hr	Aug 26-30	Close your eyes. Let that little voice take control... Welcome to the world's first ventriloquial hypnotherapy session. Lachlan Werner ('Funniest new ventriloquist on the block' **** Telegraph) and Brew the Witch ('Star' **** Chortle.co.uk) sleep talk through an hour of (gay) skeletons in closets, Punch and Judy love songs (gay), clinically depressed (gay) frat bros, and a man called Ray (sexually ambiguous). Brew's lived inside the shadows of Lachlan's head for 26 years, now she's inviting you to purge your subconscious with award-winning, 'unhinged, extraordinary' **** (Guardian) talent. 'The definitive queer puppet show' **** (LostInTheatreand.co.uk).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on2026LACHLAN
Comedy	Laurie Luxe: Scold (WIP)	Monkey Barrel Comedy	0:50	1 hr	Aug 21-25	Against the grime and punishment of London stands a singular Laurie Luxe. An orphan, a waif, and most importantly – a little c*nt. She hasn't done anything wrong, but she also hasn't done anything right. Ever. It's a hard-knock life when you're out in the cold; will you let her in? She promises to be good! See the 'utterly unforgettable' ***** (CorrBlimey.uk), rags-to-rags debut WIP from this 'startling and hilarious' ***** (TheWeereview.com), comedy newcomer and co-creator of Voices Of Evil and WonderTwunk. 'Camp chaos like no other' ***** (BingeFringe.com).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on2026SCOLDWI
Comedy	Leo Mahr and Jonny Bennett: Two Hot Gays Telling Jokes	Laughing Horse @ Bar 50	22:15	1 hr	Aug 17-30	Two incredibly hot (you decide) gay men, one British, one Swiss(ish), cover everything from Kylie to K-holes, Le Creuset to cruising, with some musical comedy to keep things interesting. Leo Mahr is back at the Fringe after a packed-out run of Leo Mahr is a Seasoned Whore in 2025. Jonny Bennett will be answering important questions musically. Why is LinkedIn so bad? What would country music sound like if it was from the UK? And is your ex-girlfriend's dad an acceptable sexual awakening? Free poppers for the front row!	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on2026LEOMAH
Comedy	Lil Wenker in Ronny Eucalitto's Love Hour Live	Monkey Barrel Comedy	0:50	1 hr	Aug 19-20	If music be the food of love, Ronny's makin' jazz. Ronny Eucalitto – crooner, family man, eczema sufferer – presents his epic love-themed cabaret chock full of emotion and Epidemic! Expect singing, dancing, games and more as America's sweetest sweetheart helps YOU find love. Featuring guest appearances by some of the UK's spiciest and single-act comics! Ronny Eucalitto is award-winning clown Lil Wenker's BBC New Comedy Award-nominated character. 'Sheer brilliant, well-executed madness' ***** (ThreeWeeks). 'Masterclass in clowning' ***** (VoiceMag.uk). 'A pure hour of genuine laughs' **** (BroadwayWorld.com). 'Farical and whip-smart' ***** (Fest).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on2026RONNYEU
Comedy	Lorna Ni Shuilleabhain: Barefoot Before God	Hoots @ Nicolson Square	16:35	1 hr	Aug 7-15	Born and raised in Catholic Ireland, Lorna finds herself barefoot and bewildered in Barcelona. Through storytelling, and crowd work, she explores Catholic guilt, sexuality and cultural confusion. Blending wit with vulnerability, the show unpacks shame and to rebuild identity in a new culture. After sold-out runs in Barcelona and Dublin, Lorna creates an atmosphere where audiences feel part of the journey. 'Lorna's charisma drives the show from start to finish... energy doesn't drop for a second' (Audience Review). A story of transformation, for anyone learning to laugh at the shame they were raised in.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on2026BAREFOO
Comedy	Man Sings the Same Song Over and Over Again for an Hour	Red Lecture Theatre at Summerhall	19:45	1 hr	Aug 6-16, 18-23, 25-31	One man. One song. One hour. Award-winning comedian Conk takes to the stage and sings the same song over and over again on repeat for an entire hour. That's it. That's the show. Which song? You'll have to come and find out. Equal parts comedy and live art experiment, what begins as a simple musical premise of singing the same hit song over and over again spirals into a hilarious feat of absurdity.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/man-sings-the-same-song-over-and-over-again-for-an-hour
Comedy	Margaret Thatcher Queen of Hollywood	Assembly George Square Gardens	20:40	1 hr 5 mins	Aug 5-17, 19-30	Lights! Cameras! Maggie! Mrs Thatcher goes to Hollywood to play herself in a musical remake of the Iron Lady and a Prime MiniSTAR is born! Will Maggie pull herself up by her bra straps or be trampled down by the man? And will she find a moment to ugly-cry so she can win an Oscar? A drag musical romp from the producer of Unfortunate and Olivier Award-winners behind Kathy and Stella Solve a Murder. 'Hilarious camp with political punch' **** (Times). ***** (Attitude.co.uk).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on2026MARGARE
Comedy	Mhairi Black: Difficult Second Album	Debating Hall at Gilded Balloon Teviot	20:30	1 hr	Aug 7-8	Following two sold-out Fringe runs and a smash-hit tour, MP-turned-comedian Mhairi Black returns to Edinburgh with her Difficult Second Album for two nights only ahead of a major tour next year. Mhairi will reflect on her time in politics, life outside politics, neurodiversity and trying to get fit at the gym. In true ADHD fashion, it jumps about! 'An iconoclastic superstar' (Glasgow Herald). 'Witty and self-effacing' (List). ***** (BritishTheatreGuide.info, TheRecs.co.uk)	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/mhairi-black-difficult-second-album
Comedy	Michael John Ciszewski: Mother, Superior	Bedlam Theatre	14:00	1 hr	Aug 7-16, 18-23, 25-30	Does God take calls from gay guys!? NYC comedian and award-thirsty Fringe favourite Michael John Ciszewski is on the line, desperate to make his mother proud of him. Join him in the ultimate act of diva worship: an attempt to canonize his mother as an immortal saint in one hour – of comedy. Will THAT do? Does the Pope shit in the woods!! Mother, Superior is a sacrilegious, sentimental solo spectacular from 'a whip-smart comic' (BingeFringe.com) that's brave enough to ask whether our parents would rather we book a Netflix special or return their calls.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on2026MICHAEO
Comedy	Michael McPheat is BRUTAL!	Gilded Balloon Patter House	15:30	50 mins	Aug 17-31	An immersive comedy show about Milton Keynes Shopping Centre? Oh, go on then. So You Think You're Funny? 2024 semi-finalist and interior designer Michael McPheat presents a WIP masterpiece celebrating the beauty of his hometown. A high-energy spectacle confronting mortality, memory and modernism, set in the utopian town of the future, now named 'One of the worst places to live in Britain'. Developed with Soho Theatre Labs Plus and Elf Lyons. 'We feel McPheat's sincerity in everything he says, and it only makes his jokes all the funnier' **** (PepperAndSalt.uk).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on2026MICHAEP
Comedy	Nathaniel Jones: 2 BY 2	Underbelly, Bristo Square	20:45	1 hr	Aug 5-16, 18-30	Noah's in charge, and you're all animals!! Embarking on his first cruise ship contract, newly single Noah flees his old life in search of stardom on the ark. Finding himself caught up in cosmic plans much larger and apocalyptic than he could have anticipated, he must find ways to keep the existential dread (and animal couples) at bay. Nathaniel Jones writes and performs in 2 BY 2, a Noah's Ark character comedy about a cappella, the apocalypse, and stepping up at work. Directed by award-winning director Sam Smith.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on20262BY2
Comedy	No, I'm Not Overthinking It.	Cellar at Laughing Horse @ The Raging Bull	13:30	30 mins	Aug 24-30	Clinton Barnes spent a decade advising global brands. Goldman Sachs. TikTok. Airbus. He had frameworks. Processes. A rigorous analytical approach. He quit to do stand-up. 30 minutes of sharp observational comedy about the things everyone has silently agreed to walk past. Like why we have dogs, why we don't have bidets and the lessons tech bros don't learn at Burning Man. Australian. Formerly corporate. Currently this.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/no-i-m-not-overthinking-it

Comedy	Oops! We Lost a Nuke	Just The Sniffer Room at Just The Tonic at The Mash House	13:55	1 hr	Aug 20-30	Oops! We Lost a Nuke is a comedic play set in the 1950s, featuring four characters performed – sometimes simultaneously – by two actors. When an unassuming pacifist abuses his position within the US government in order to hide a nuclear warhead, it becomes clear that his affair with his secretary and his wife's affair with her doctor are the least of their worries. As the government closes in, secrets come to light.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/loops-we-lost-a-nuke
Comedy	Progress In Work	The Saloon Bar, Just The Tonic at Westside Rodeo	20:00	1 hr	Aug 23-27	Ever wondered what NHS nursing's really like? Join Sister Brandy Bex on a riotous journey through NHS madness. From dating doctors to dodging disaster, she's turning it all into comedy gold. Outrageous stories, parody songs, and shameless camp spectacle - nursing's never been this wild!	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/progress-in-work
Comedy	Paul Black: Cash Cow	Gilded Balloon at the Museum	19:30	1 hr	Aug 24-30	Cash Cow marks Paul's return to stand-up after his sell-out sketch show All Sorts. In this new show Paul delivers his trademark mix of sharp observations, colourful characters, impressions and Glaswegian charm. Following on from four sold-out Fringe runs with shows Worst Case Scenario, Self Care Era, Nostalgia and All Sorts. Sir Billy Connolly Spirit of Glasgow Award Nominee 2023 and 2025, RTS Scotland Comedy Award Nominee 2023, British Comedy Guide Best New Sitcom nominee 2026, Director and Writer of Govan Fair Queen (BBC Three), Nostalgia (BBC iPlayer) Pity Party and First Footing (BBC Scotland).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026PAULBLA
Comedy	Puck Bunnies: A Heated Rivalry Drag Musical Parody	Gilded Balloon Patter House	22:45	1 hr	Aug 5-10, 12-17, 19-24, 26-31	Since Heated Rivalry graced our screens, there's been a collective yearning throughout the world. That yearning comes to the stage with Puck Bunnies: A Heated Rivalry Drag Musical Parody show that's definitely not associated with the TV show. From tuna melts to Rozanov's bodacious booty, we'll see you at the cottage... or in this case, The Gilded Balloon.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026PUCKBUN
Comedy	Queer Diary	Laughing Horse @ Bar 50	23:45	1 hr	Aug 6-30	LGBTQIA+ Fringe performers read their REAL teenage diaries, angst poetry, thirsty fanfic and terrible tumblr posts. A different line-up of queer performers every night, sharing hilariously cringe-but-true tales from their coming-of-age era. 'Often funny... always entertaining' ***** (TheReviewShub.com). 'If Queer Diary was held on the moon, the most anti-capitalist queers would be befriending Bezos in hopes of a rocket ride' (DIVA Magazine). Hosted by Beth Watson: 'An incredibly funny, charismatic performer, who absolutely embraces the silliness' **** (Instagram.com/WestEnd.With.Me), 'Joyful comedy throughout' **** (ToDoList.Org.uk), 'The verbatim diary entries... are admittedly shocking – and hilarious' ***** (AYoungistPerspective.co.uk).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026QUEERDI
Comedy	Ray Fordyce: The Fordyce Saga	Laughing Horse @ City Cafe	21:35	1 hr	Aug 6-10	The saga of Ray's life is about to be told. Sharing the struggles of a rough upbringing to navigating singledom in middle age, all whilst learning new languages and making fudge.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026RAYFORE
Comedy	Refashioned: From Childhood Dream to Stylish Nightmare	Hoots @ Hilton (Bread Street)	18:20	1 hr	Aug 7-9, 11-16, 18-23, 25-30	What happens when you achieve your childhood dream of having a fashion line in NYC but the realities don't match the fantasy. When you have to start again at an age you thought you'd have a summer house or at least financial security. We follow Nicholas on his journey from Edinburgh to London, New York, LA and back again, from designer to stand-up comic. Do we end up where we should be or are we at the hands of the fates? A debut show from one of the least reliable comics around.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026REFASHI
Comedy	Reuben Kaye: Hard to Swallow	Assembly George Square Gardens	20:00	1 hr 5 mins	Aug 6-8, 11-15, 18-22, 25-29	Reuben Kaye is back. Sharper, sexier and more political than ever. Expect glitter, guts and the kind of biting comedy only Kaye can deliver. Sydney Comedy Festival Awards 2026 Best Show Winner, Melbourne International Comedy Festival Awards 2026 Most Outstanding Show Nominee, Edinburgh Comedy Awards 2024 Best Show Nominee. Winner of Adelaide Cabaret Festival 2024's Icon Award. 'A star in their own right, with razor-sharp comedic material, a glamorous look and killer voice to boot' ***** (Skinny). ***** (Time Out). ***** (BroadwayWorld.com). ***** (TheatreScotland.co.uk). ***** (Chortle.co.uk).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026HARDTOS
Comedy	Rob Moriarty: Sick in the Head	Hoots @ The Apex	16:50	45 mins	Aug 7-31	Dark and dirty jokes about sexuality, identity and mental health, from rising Irish and famously homosexual comedian Rob Moriarty. A regular at top clubs across the UK and Ireland, he has opened for comedians such as Mike Rice and Reginald D Hunter and was also a Leicester Square New Comedian 2024 finalist. As seen on the hit podcast Mike and Vittorio's Guide to Parenting. 'Excellent and fresh' (Tom Ward). 'The future of comedy. God help us' (David McSavage).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026ROBMORI
Comedy	Roger Prick: Sexopolis	Underbelly, Cowgate	18:55	1 hr	Aug 5-17, 19-24, 26-30	It's Roger Prick! The 1970s pornographer, erotic novelist and lecherous Casanova is back for 2026. Now it's time to relaunch his dirtiest novel, revised and edited for the feminist era. Bringing together character comedy, drag, time travel, cardboard props, drawings and all the sex of 70s Soho, this is an alternative comedy extravaganza. Han Whyte is a drag king, character comedian and Leicester Square Theatre Sketch Off finalist 2025. She participated in Soho Comedy Plus Lab in 2025. 'A soft porn Alan Partridge' (MorningStarOnline.co.uk). 'Archetype of puffed up machismo' (Chortle.co.uk).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026ROGERPR
Comedy	Rosie Jones: I Can't Tell What She's Saying	Pleasance Courtyard	16:00	1 hr	Aug 5-16, 18-30	The Taskmaster star is back and talking about the big stuff: being single, the pressures of representing huge sections of the population, and gravy. Oh, and boobs. The BAFTA-nominated powerhouse returns with her loveable blend of cheek and charm following a nomination for Most Outstanding Show at Melbourne International Comedy Festival in 2023. As seen on Live at the Apollo, QI, 8 Out of 10 Cats, Cats Does Countdown, Mock the Week and her Channel 4 sitcom, Pushers.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026ROSIEJO
Comedy	Sam Hickman: First Woman	Just The Tonic at Westside Rodeo	22:40	1 hr	Aug 26-27	A comedy harp concert, what an original premise, maybe just come for that? 'Clearly destined for big things, Hickman is equipped with a voice filled with operatic drama' (Chortle.co.uk). 'Sensational' (Comedy.co.uk). 'Unapologetically queer, gorgeous and filthy; join Hickman on a mad romp through love, romance, sex, friendship, motherhood, trauma, the 2002 television series Monk, and Jesus. 'Michelle Visage mixed with the musical and comedic ability of Victoria Wood' (BroadwayBaby.com). This show is mostly about religious trauma and medical transition. FUN! 'The showgirl on the harp' (BBC Wales).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026SAMHICK
Comedy	Sam Lake: Drop Zone Three Please, Ben (WIP)	Monkey Barrel Comedy (Cabaret Voltaire)	12:05	1 hr	Aug 4-8	Award-winning stand-up Sam Lake brings an hour of new work-in-progress material, which may be inspired by an unhealthy obsession with daytime TV and British gameshows. Or it might not be about that... Tour support for Ed Gamble, Suzi Ruffell, Tom Lucy and Harriet Kemsley. As seen on BBC Scotland, All 4 and US&Dave. Best Reviewed Comedy Show – Fringe 2025 (Comedy.co.uk). 'An absolute delight' (LMAOnaseComedy.com). 'Sam Lake is a master of his craft' (FringeSider.com). 'Lake deserves a bigger stage these days – I defy you not to laugh!' (TheatreAndArtReviews.com).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026SAMLAKE
Comedy	Sam Morrison: DUCK	Gilded Balloon Terviot	17:30	1 hr	Aug 5-16, 18-31	Sam Morrison (Late Night With Seth Meyers, Comedy Central) follows smash-hit Sugar Daddy with DUCK, a science-obsessed attack on the human ego. He questions why everything – his Judaism, therapy and Grindr – have never worked for him. Using ducks with spiral vaginas and dick-throwing octopuses as a guide, Sam spirals through a punchline-packed evolutionary existential crisis searching for answers. 'Arch sass and polished panache' (New York Times). 'Superb' (Guardian). 'Morrison has everything... under masterful control' ***** (WhatsOnStage.com). 'Head-thrown-back funny' (TheDailyBeast.com). ***** (BroadwayWorld.com). ***** (LondonTheatreReviews.co.uk). ***** (BroadwayBaby.com). ***** (LondonTheatre1.com). ***** (NorthWestEnd.co.uk).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026SAMMORR
Comedy	Sam Nicoresi: Baby Doomer	Pleasance Courtyard	19:00	1 hr	Aug 17-19	A glistening swan-song for the triumphant Edinburgh Comedy Awards Best Show 2025. A swaggering, diamond-sharp hour about being trans (uh-oh) and the hunt for the perfect skirt suit. 'Upbrausiously funny, life-affirming, angry, dumb, insightful and political all at once' (Chortle.co.uk). Nominated for Most Outstanding Show at Melbourne International Comedy Festival 2026, Best Show at Leicester Comedy Festival 2025, and NextUp's Biggest Award in Comedy 2025. ***** (Telegraph). ***** (List). ***** (BingeFringe.com). ***** (OneReview.co.uk). ***** (Chortle.co.uk). ***** (Guardian). ***** (Scotsman). ***** (TheComicsComic.com).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026SAMNIPC

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Comedy	Sam Serrano: Mars	The Stand Comedy Club 3 & 4	21:35	1 hr	Aug 6-16, 18-30	2020 – I was the victim of a hate crime. 2026 – I'm monetizing it in a stand-up show. As seen on Comedy Central and UKTV. 'Killer lines' (Chortle.co.uk). Support for Tom Stade and Stephen Bailey.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026SAMSERR
Comedy	Scout Boxall: God's Favourite	The Box at Assembly George Square	16:20	1 hr	Aug 5-9, 11-16, 18-23, 25-30	Melbourne International Comedy Festival 2025 Most Outstanding Show nominee, Pinder Prize winner. Stranded in regional Victoria without medication for the first time in 12 years. Scout pulls out all the psychological stops to survive the worst night of their life. An exquisite, darkly funny retelling of a harrowing mental marathon through manic withdrawal; Scout imagines life in the Middle Ages, trawls the strange crevices of the internet, makes peace with their own mediocrity and (briefly) surrenders to God. Part storytelling, part stand-up, all raw and unflinchingly real. ***** (Time Out). ***** (Chortle.co.uk). ***** (List).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/scout-boxall-god-s-favourite
Comedy	She Beast – WIP	Alchemist St James Quarter	15:00	45 mins	Aug 18-19	A darkly humorous unflinching exploration of mental health, grief and trans identity, painted in all shades of blue and black. Jamie-Diane Rajaram, shortlisted Disabled Comedian of the Year 2026, delivers a deeply bold and personal performance. Praised as a 'full bells and whistles show with knobs on' (QX Magazine) and 'all shades of blue' (Boyz Magazine). Through unrequited wishes shaped by gender dysphoria, she confronts psychotherapists, psychiatrists and clinical gatekeeping in pursuit of diagnosis – while sharing moments of grief so intense they nearly lead to her sectioning. Expect laughter, heartbreak and truth told without apology.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026SHEBEAS
Comedy	She/They	Venue 13	13:35	40 mins	Aug 7, 9, 12, 14, 16, 19, 21, 23, 26, 28	She/They is an award-winning Canadian comedy duo. Chaotic, queer, chronically offline. Authentic, underground, need to tell your friends comedy. Bronwyn Farkas (she/her) and Sophie Jean (they/them) are experienced actors and improvisers who found a shared voice in sketch comedy. Their dynamic will leave you wondering: Will they? Won't they? She/They. Together they have performed at Toronto Sketchfest (2026), Just For Laughs 2025 (two sold-out shows), Montreal Sketchfest (Best of the Fest, Best New Troupe Award 2025), won Montreal Theatresports (2025) and been featured in countless other sketch, improv and stand-up shows. She/They, a one-woman show.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026SHETHEY
Comedy	Silly and Surviving	Laughing Horse @ The Three Sisters	13:15	45 mins	Aug 6-30	The 2020s have been shit. From cost of living and Covid to deepfakes and doomscrolling, it's too much to handle. But Kie Carson is Silly and Surviving. In Silly and Surviving, one rising comedy firecracker proves that sillies just won't pay the bills – but it might save your sanity. Through a queer, working-class lens, Kie unravels absurd thoughts, wild observations and life's ridiculous struggles with unstoppable charm, fearless honesty and relentless, laugh-out-loud chaos. Kie is 'extremely likable' (Nodding Dog Comedy), with 'original and intelligent material' (Funhouse Comedy), delivered with 'infectious charm' (Stage Fright Comedy).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026SILLYYSU
Comedy	Sophie Duker: Hot Beef Injection	Pleasance Courtyard	20:30	1 hr	Aug 5-11, 13-18, 20-25, 27-30	Duker's back on her bullshit. And this time, she's done with dudes. Promise. The people's princess of provocation returns with a beefy hour about sex and privilege. Taskmaster Champion and Just For Laughs International New Face. As seen crushing Live at the Apollo, House of Games, Celebrity Mastermind and Celebrity Pointless. Sell-out Fringe runs since 2019. 'Obscenely good... Charisma to burn' (Rolling Stone). 'Extremely funny' ***** (Scotsman). 'Truly one of the best comedians around' ***** (DIVA). 'Laugh-out-loud funny' ***** (Telegraph). 'Not scared to push the boundaries' ***** (Fest). ***** (Skinny). ***** (Evening Standard). ***** (Times).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026SOPHIED
Comedy	Sounds Queer to Me	Greenside @ Riddles Court	12:35	50 mins	Aug 7-15, 17-22, 24-29	A hybrid between stand-up comedy and musical theatre, this one-woman show tells the true and tragic tale of Ivy's love life, from age 20 to 24. The story is told through a series of absurd anecdotes and sapphic songs, and it covers her experiences with Covid Lockdown dating, unrequited crushes, secret flings and ill-fated 'friendships'. Ivy also employs the use of hand-held signs throughout the show to highlight the recurring themes and encourage audience participation. Filled with dramatic irony, humorous coincidence and poignant introspection, this show is an amusing, quirky and heartfelt journey of self-discovery.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026SOUNDSQ
Comedy	Steffan Alun: Windows	Hoot 4 at Hoots @ The Apex	18:15	1 hr	Aug 7-18, 20-31	Winner of the Pegagus Award for Best Newcomer at the Edinburgh Fringe 2025, the bisexual Welsh optimist returns with a brand-new hour of brilliant comedy. With strong opinions on pub quizzes, Stranger Things, behaviour on public transport, and why his mother's pretending his childhood home contained an extra bedroom. 'Warmth, wit, a proudly offbeat perspective' (BroadwayWorld.com). 'His timing is on point and he's incredibly engaging. If you like stand up, go and see Steffan Alun!' (OneReview.co.uk). 'Will lift the spirits of anyone in attendance.' (AYoungishPerspective.co.uk). 'Touching, accomplished and heartfelt storytelling' (FringeHire).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/steffan-alun-windows
Comedy	Susie McCabe: Coming of Rage	Assembly George Square	20:45	1 hr	Aug 5-16, 18-30	After a health scare at 44, Susie was on the path to a stress-free life... then her life came crashing down around her. Interspersed with hot flushes and the state of the world: it's been quite a year for this comic, but she is still standing and determined to have her say in Coming of Rage. 'I was blown sideways' (Billy Connolly). 'Susie McCabe is one to watch' (New York Times). 'This woman should be considered a national treasure' (Herald). 'Fearful, thoughtful, compassionate and warm stand up for Scotland's funniest woman' (Scotsman).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026SUSIEMC
Comedy	Ted Hill: PowerPointexter	Studio Five at Assembly George Square Studios	18:00	1 hr	Aug 5-17, 19-30	ed Hill invites you inside his strange and chaotic mind. Expect high-energy jokes, ridiculous visual effects and (funny) graphs. Ted's always been weird, but now he has a new puzzle to solve: what kind of weird does he want to be? You'll never see a sillier slideshow... ISH Edinburgh Comedy Award for Best Show nominee 2024, British Comedy Guide Recommended Show 2022, 2024, 2025. 'Genuinely hilarious' (BroadwayBaby.com). 'A comedian who struggles to make or maintain eye contact' (Chortle.co.uk).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/ted-hill-powerpointexter
Comedy	The Asian Comedy Showcase	Main Room at Laughing Horse @ The Pear Tree	13:00	1 hr	Aug 6-10, 12-17, 19-24, 26-30	From the East to Edinburgh, it's The Asian Comedy Showcase! Back for our fourth year, catch some of the best acts from all over Asia and from all over the world, along with one token white act! Our performers have been seen on the BBC, Taskmaster, Netflix and Dropout! Line-ups change daily, and hosted by Sam See (****, Fest). 'Fantastic, Brilliant' *****% (TheEdgeSusu.co.uk). 'One of the standing institutions of the festival!' ***** (OneReview.co.uk).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/the-asian-comedy-showcase
Comedy	The Gay Divorce	Greenside @ Riddles Court	20:55, 22:05	1 hr	Aug 7-15, 17-22, 24-29	Do you crave safety while everything collapses? You want to kill the pain but keep it cute? Then this show's for you! And for anyone who's ever had a bad ex, used a credit card, who's ever seen a convertible and thought: nice, or googled: am I gay? A hilarious nightmare romcom about a broken-hearted trophy wife, as her dream gay wedding disintegrates into a haunted, glitter-soaked cabaret of Barbie-dreamhouse rituals and romantic delusion. Think Pee-wee's Playhouse via Mulholland Drive: featuring a witch, a co-dependent Jesus, even a very angry worm... Get in loser, we're getting divorced!	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026GAYDIVO
Comedy	The Heterosexuals	Gilded Balloon Patter House	20:00	1 hr	Aug 5-16, 18-31	A deep dive into the shocking world of heterosexuality! They walk among us! But where did they come from? And what do they think they're wearing? Find out in this explosive solo show based on undercover research gathered while posing as one of their own! Combining storytelling, satire and deep personal humiliation, The Heterosexuals are here to spit the T on what The Queers really think about The Straights. 'Comic genius' ***** (Irish Times). 'Electric stage presence' ***** (TheReviewsHubs.com). 'Fringe's best... Exquisitely energetic' (Orlando Sentinel). Winner: Outstanding Theatre Award (FringeReview.co.uk). Winner: English Comedy Award (Montreal Fringe).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026HETEROS
Comedy	The Kobold Show!	Gilded Balloon Patter House	11:40	1 hr	Aug 5-11, 13-25, 27-31	In this clowny, crafty, physical theatre experience, a troupe of kobolds – small, lizard-like creatures from myth and tabletop gaming lore – stumble through a world of swords and sorcery, dragging you (lovingly) along for the ride. While the tales of epic heroes and dastardly villains unfold around them, the kobolds must tackle challenges like opening doors, defending their cheese from mice, and surviving their own shenanigans. These cannon-fodder sidekicks are looking to claim the limelight for themselves... by any means necessary.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026KOBOLDS

Comedy	The Last Funny Woman	PBH's Free Fringe @ Voodoo Rooms	17:55	1 hr	Aug 8-9, 11-16, 18-23, 25-30	Last year Kate (BBC Radio 4's The News Quiz and The Naked Week, The Gulty Feminist Podcast) attempted to save the world. 'Political comedy may yet have found its new messiah' (The Guardian). Now she thinks perhaps it is time to burn it all down. What does it mean to be a good-time girl (and a feminist) in the midst of an apocalypse? Join the Funny Women Award winner 2023 and Chortle Best Newcomer 2024 and DIVA Queer Comedian of the Year nominee for "a skilful mix of raunchy, racontairial energy and cutting social commentary" (EuropeanComedy.com).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026LASTFUN
Comedy	The Midlife Mind Flip	Laughing Horse @ Bar 50	12:00	1 hr	Aug 6-16, 18-23, 25-30	What was your rock bottom? Divorce? Redundancy? Cancer? Sharon VS can relate. She's done it all – in the same year. And this Edinburgh regular is spilling the tea. Hilarious and poignant, Sharon turns life's curve balls into a rip-roaring rollercoaster of confessional stand-up comedy. Tinder swiping on silver foxes, bizarre start-up conferences, finding out you're queer? Should life really be this exciting in your 50s?? Sharon's debut solo show is unsparring, honest and wildly optimistic. A guide to finding more joy in life by daring to be a little more free.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026MIDLIFE
Comedy	Theologist	theSpace on the Mile	22:30	50 mins	Aug 12-15, 17-18, 25-27, 29	Oli Riordan studied Catholic theology for the same reason every other bisexual atheist studies Catholic theology. You have to know your enemy. Join Oli (Dublin's Next Top Comic runner-up 2019 and Leicester Square Theatre New Comedian of the Year semi-finalist 2025) for his debut hour as he delves into the world of Catholicism and the Bible as only he can, pausing only to point out the silly, interesting and thoroughly relatable aspects of the world's best-selling, but least read, book.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026THEOLOG
Comedy	This Is My Baby: Live Podcast!	Gilded Balloon Teviot	16:20	1 hr	Aug 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, 27, 30	Celebrating the milestones nobody throws a shower for... until now. Join comedians Sarah Hester Ross (all the way from Las Vegas) and David Ian (all the way from London) for live recordings of This Is My Baby. Their new podcast celebrates achievements that don't come with a ring or a registry. Because not all life milestones are weddings or babies; some are quitting a job, surviving a year, or finally choosing yourself. Featuring engaging interviews and real stories, we give flowers to the wins that usually get a polite nod instead of a party.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026THISISM
Comedy	Those People	Pleasance Courtyard	23:00	1 hr	Aug 5-16, 18-30	Lara Ciulli (Best Newcomer nominee, Chortle Awards 2026) and Riana White (not) are Those People: two struggling best mates, determined to make important "art" but not sure how? Instead watch them cliff-dive, naked, into a joyfully absurd hour of clowning, chair-duets and uncompromising vulnerability. A riotous, painfully stupid (and pretty gay) spectacle of two lov- friends. Just friends.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026THOSEPE
Comedy	Time Travel Postman	Snug at Gilded Balloon Patter House	20:40	1 hr	Aug 5-11, 13-17, 19-24, 26-31	A clown (Sevrin Willinder) needs the audience's help to deliver letters across time and space. Through joyful participation, you are invited to embrace the unexpected, explore the beauty of human connection, and make sure the postman completes his galaxy-spanning paper route. A new show from Devon Loves ME! Productions (Melissa Ingle and Sevrin Willinder).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/time-travel-postman
Comedy	Trans Butch: Glorious Dog Woman	theSpace @ Surgeons' Hall	22:45	50 mins	Aug 24-28	Gather round pups, and let mother butch (Ash Routh) take you for a walk through werewolf media, kink and shame. Trans Butch: Glorious Dog Woman is a one tran show about finding community, identity and an insatiable love for the moon. This show contains partial nudity, audience participation and the ritualised sacrifice of deadnames.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026TRANSBU
Comedy	Traumedy: A Guide to Being a Fabulous Homeless Addict	Hoots @ The Apex	15:10	1 hr	Aug 7-31	The award-winning debut stand-up show written and performed by Iain Anderson. A fast-paced, brutally honest and riotously funny account of his life so far. From the gay scene in Glasgow to rock bottom in Barcelona, this is a celebration of resilience and the saving power of laughter. It's not a sob story, it's a reminder that even the messiest lives can still be fabulous. Come laugh, cry, feel uplifted and leave feeling more connected to those around you. An experience not to be missed that's unlike anything else in comedy today!	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026TRAUMED
Comedy	Twonkey's Soft December Night in Tallahassee	Laughing Horse @ Dragontfly	20:15	55 mins	Aug 6-9, 11-16, 18-23, 25-30	Stars Twonketa: award-winning vaudevillian widow of the now deceased Mr Twonkey. Deadly sexy fairies are forcing the fairground to relocate to a swamp in Tallahassee. After a night out stealing doormats for the helter-skelter, we slip down a twisted path to the most dangerous, goddamn funny adventure in the history of all humanity. The creatures use hypnosis to push the custodians down a murderous path so they can reclaim the enchanted valley that was their home before the bulldozers came. 'Wonderlands of weird' ***** (Scotsman). 'Idiotic joy' ***** (NeuroDiverseReview.co.uk). 'Completely unexpected' ***** (One4Review.co.uk).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026TWONKEY
Comedy	Two-Tongued Queers	PBH's Free Fringe @ Carbon	19:10	1 hr	Aug 22-30	A Swede and a Welshman walk into a bar... Join these linguists in a stand-up split bill that unpacks the trials and tribulations of nationality, heritage, sexuality and what it means to grow up into two big ol' attention-craving queers!	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026TWOTONG
Comedy	WERK	The Outhouse – Beer Garden (12A Broughton St Ln, Edinburgh EH1 3LY	19:00	1 hr	Aug 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30	Fast-paced stand-up, a fresh lineup of LGBTQ+ comics, trivia, games, and a bubble gun — free, every night, no ticket required. Chicago-based comedy showcase Werk is bringing its high-energy, all-queer lineup to the Edinburgh Festival Fringe this August, promising a nightly celebration that hosts Mary Kelly and Sherron Palm describe as "a pride parade, if it became a show."	
Comedy	You Straights Are F**ked Up!	Just The Tonic at The Caves	22:25	1 hr	Aug 6-11, 13-17, 20-25, 27-30	International hit show demolishing the hilarious chaos of straight sex lives. Vibrant, edgy, totally unapologetic, Turan Ali, 'Utterly fabulous' (TheQR.co.uk), award-winning, five-star rated, BBC Radio 4-featured, queer stand-up, storyteller, poet and ukulele player, shares his raunchily successful gay toolbox, helping straights get the sex lives they dream of. Mixing personal stories, razor-sharp social commentary, stand-up, epic poetry and the campiest ukulele songs imaginable. 'Like the best stand-up comedians, this material has been tried, tested and perfected for an audience by Ali. It was a joy to watch' (BroadwayBaby.com).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026YOUSTRA
Comedy	Zoe Coombs Marr: Busy Club (Work in Progress)	Monkey Barrel Comedy	0:50	1 hr	Aug 12-13	Exclusive sneak peak! At a wacky time (note shows are late on Tue 11th and Wed 12th!) Comedy concert meets art installation where Zoë custom builds her own world and finally puts her sculpture degree to use. Expect traps, tricks, awe, failure and humiliating art school gold from the Edinburgh Comedy Award nominee's mega spreadsheet of jokes. It's not finished. She's busy. You may know Zoë from Channel 4, her Amazon special Bossy Bottom, or as a man named Dave, among other things. Good on her. ***** (Chortle.co.uk). ***** (Herald). ***** (Scotsman).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026ZOECCOOM
Dance, Physical Theatre and Circus	Box [M]	theSpaceTriplex	20:25	45 mins	Aug 7-12	Using only visual storytelling, dance and acrobatics, this award-winning duo show explores the experience of growing up transgender in an Asian American immigrant household, and the connection between siblings each navigating their own relationship to gender. Winner of multiple Best of Fringe awards and named 'groundbreaking work' by FringeReview. 'It's a testament to how well-crafted this show is that it can be so specific and yet feel so universal at the same time!' (Matthew Palm, Orlando Sentinel). Performed by Landyn Endo and Kapi Lee. Created by Genie Carlier, Landyn Endo and Os Roxas. Produced by Flying Rabbit Circus.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026BOXM
Dance, Physical Theatre and Circus	Border Bodies	DB3 at Assembly @ Dance Base	17:15	1 hr	Aug 7-9, 12-16, 19-23, 26-30	A plurality of bodies beyond their visible social markers. Despite their diverse backgrounds artists unite believing that even different individualities empower each other when they act as one. In times of social segregation, we deal with a crossing of the mental boundaries and not just the physical ones. Border Bodies desires to acknowledge the portrait of humanity: collective, clustered, seeking interactions and associations. In the midst of the silence of distancing, we rediscover and invent ways of being together. On stage, hierarchies between social roles are tested, questioned and reorganized. The show is part of São Paulo Showcase.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/border-bodies

Dance, Physical Theatre and Circus	By a Thread	Music Hall at Assembly Rooms	15:55	1 hr	Aug 6-11, 13-16, 18-23, 25-30	Seven acrobats and thirty metres of rope... By a Thread returns after a sold-out 2025 season! Long spools of white rope run through industrial pulleys and wrap around bodies. The show weaves virtuosic acrobatics through moments of confusion, hilarity, romance, playfulness, fear and friendship, uncovering the threads of connection present in all relationships. Australian circus at its best, By a Thread is an exploration of trust and risk six metres above the ground. 'Easily one of the best pieces of physical theatre on display' (One4Review.co.uk). 'One of the most tender moments you'll see in a circus' (Scotsman).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/by-a-thread
Dance, Physical Theatre and Circus	Candyman: A Creamylicious Burlesque Comedy	C ARTS C venues C aquila	20:35	40 mins	Aug 24-30	Step into the world of Saint Edgar, where elegance meets audacity and every step tells a story. One suit. One tie. One transformation. Candyman: Saint Edgar's first burlesque act, built on comedy, dance, tease and a little something you won't see coming. Turns out one taste would never be enough... Candyman grew, evolved, and refused to be contained. A show about identity, liberation and the freedom of dance. From the electric precision of quickstep to the sultry swagger of jive, Edgar peels back the layers to reveal something that changes everything you thought you knew.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026CANDYMA
Dance, Physical Theatre and Circus	Final Queen	Underbelly, Cowgate	21:30	1 hr	Aug 5-16, 18-23, 25-30	A drag circus horror-comedy. Join Australia's own circus queen Grace Lightning as she embarks on a road trip through the Outback, dodging deadly snakes and spiders, bigoted crytids and chainsaw-wielding bushrangers on a murderous rampage. But are these monsters really what they seem...? Think Priscilla Queen of the Desert meets Texas Chainsaw Massacre under the Big Top! Expect haunted acrobatics, blood soaked hula hooping and a whole lot of hair-raising hilarity, oozing with all your favourite horror tropes on the small stage.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026FINALQU
Dance, Physical Theatre and Circus	Good Enough?	Summerhall	13:30	1 hr	Aug 19-24, 26-30	From the critically acclaimed, award-winning company behind Mass Effect and Champions comes a brand-new performance celebrating imperfection, queer joy and the courage to find your tribe. Good Enough? is a queer, quirky and boisterous physical theatre performance about reclaiming your story and having the courage to be loud, awkward and unapologetically yourself. This is not a show about perfect bodies or polished dancers. It's about the instinct to move, to express and to be seen – especially when language isn't enough.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026GOODENO
Dance, Physical Theatre and Circus	More Tales From Your Queer Elder	Greenside @ George Street	16:05	50 mins	Aug 7-10, 12, 14-15, 17, 19, 21-22	'If you need an hour of positivity and wonderful dancing (and lots of good laughs!), this is one for you.' (TheEdinburghReporter.co.uk). An acclaimed performer delivers a vibrant dance/spoken word show. 70+, plus-sized lesbian artist shares intimate, queer-centred stories that celebrate inclusivity and urge audiences to chase their dreams. In Lucia's fifth Edinburgh Fringe production, she premieres new work alongside timeless gems, weaving personal narratives from decades of experience into a powerful testament to authentic living and artistic passion. Lucia's performance inspires viewers to push beyond their limits and pursue their life's ambitions.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026MORETAL
Dance, Physical Theatre and Circus	not for glory	DB3 at Assembly @ Dance Base	19:45	1 hr	Aug 11-16, 18-23	not for glory is a restless, relentless, rebellious unravelling of traditional dance and music. It is not a radical Highland Dance show, not a reinvented Irish dance display and not an experimental piping competition. It's bodies, bagpipes and brutality. It's kilts, queerness and ceremonial violence. It's back beats, high cuts, striking in, a battering, flinging skirl, not for glory resuscitates tradition with respect and resilience, dissects heritage and dances solidarity. It's a dance-theatre gig balancing virtuosity with vulnerability, pride with shame. Three performers reclaim the traditions they grew up in, not for glory – but for what?	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/not-for-glory
Dance, Physical Theatre and Circus	Tell Me	Summerhall	19:00	1 hr 5 min	Aug 6-8, 12-16, 19-23, 26-31	Two timelines collide in this bold fusion of dance and circus, offering a fresh perspective on HIV. When Grace receives a diagnosis, she is transported back to the 80s alongside Michael, a gay man navigating a very different reality. Their journeys unfold through striking choreography, Chinese pole and aerial artistry. Sadiq Ali Company, makers of five-star, award-winning The Chosen Haram, return to the Fringe with their new show 'Tell Me, part of the Made in Scotland showcase. 'Stunning, soulful, a total triumph' **** (PinkPrinceTheatre.com). 'Poignant tale of sex, revelry and glistening abs' **** (Guardian). MadeInScotlandShowcase.com	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/tell-me
Dance, Physical Theatre and Circus	The Masquerade	Cafe at Fruitmarket	19:45	45 mins	Aug. 18, 20, 21	A mischievous masquerade lives in JJ's stomach, uncovering dreams and destinies too affirming to be contained. DJ ALADJI pulses live from the heart, sending out Afrobeat, revolutionary poetry and future beats. Everything uncovered demands to be seen. Beaded coral curtains form the body's guts, while a large eye give a glimpse of the outside world. Club ritual merges with mythic storytelling to explore how indigenous spirituality can be practised in the modern day. You could find a home in this archive of dance, costume, and self-acceptance, all technologies to connect with hidden histories in our lineages. MadeInScotlandShowcase.com	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/the-masquerade
Dance, Physical Theatre and Circus	Well-Balanced Dads	Alba Theatre at Braw Venues @ Hill Street	16:30	1 hr	Aug 7-17, 19-30	Grab your finger-guns, comb your 'stache and brace yourselves for the Well-Balanced Dads! Dick and Dale are taking the audience on a camping trip full of dad jokes, dance moves, acrobatics, movie references and untreatening audience participation. This hilarious duo balances levity with deeper themes like finding your inner child, hypermasculinity and navigating life after the kids have flown the nest. '6 stars from this dad, 5 from the rest of the family!' (Good Dad). 'My face hurt from smiling' (Good Kid). A show for anyone who is a dad, has a dad or wants a dad.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/well-balanced-dads
Dance, Physical Theatre and Circus	YUCK Circus: Naughties	Assembly George Square Gardens	16:40	1 hr	Aug 6-11, 13-16, 18-23, 25-30	Fringe-favourites YUCK Circus are back with a totally bitchin' brand-new show! Backstreet Boys, Britney, and BIG throwback energy. A decade not to be forgotten – with Furbies, flip phones and eVERYthing TyPeD Like This. Mix that with high-flying acrobatics, comedy and absolute bangers, iconic! Multi award-winning, internationally touring and with dozens of five-star reviews – get ready for a big night out with the best of the early '00s. Fire up the group chat, grab ya besties and get your tickets now. 'A high-energy, laugh-out-loud love letter to the early 2000s. 5 STARS' (FringeFeed.com.au).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026YUCKCIR
Events	Auld Reekie Presents – Live Roller Derby!	Meadowbank Sports Centre	13:00	1 hr 30 mins	Aug-22	Scotland's biggest roller derby team takes to the track! Watch Edinburgh's incredible skaters form two teams to battle it out in a Roller Derby showdown for the history books. Expect speed, fierceness, hard hits and edge-of-your-seat action. Whether a lifelong fan or completely new to the sport, you'll love the atmosphere! LGBTQ+ inclusive, accessible and family-friendly; with halftime entertainment. You can also grab some merchandise, snacks and plenty of high-fives – we've got everything you need for an unforgettable event! Beat the Fringe crowds and enjoy live sport in cool, air-conditioned comfort.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026AULDRREE
Events	These Violent Delights	EIFF @ Cineworld	15:45	1 hr 30 mins	Aug-14	The Scottish Ballet draws us in this intoxicating retelling of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, where cinema meets dance, fever dreams blur with reality and queerness takes a stand. Diving into hallucinations and fragmented memories, we follow Juliet in this journey of self-discovery and defiance towards finding a sense of belonging. Along with them, we dance into the beat of their restless hearts and feel this very familiar story in a new, fresh tempo.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026THESEVI
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Music	Debussy's Romantic Piano by Candlelight – Clair de Lune	The Chapel at St Vincent's	Various times	1 hr	Aug 11, 13-14, 19, 22, 25, 27	Sell-out Fringe 2025 pianist Matthew Leigh Shiel, ***** (EdinburghGuide.com), performs the most romantic piano pieces ever composed, exposing great composers' scandalous love affairs – all by enchanting candlelight! Find romantic inspiration with award-winning Italian film composer Alfredo Caponetto who composes a new romantic piano piece for tonight's show! Matthew Leigh Shiel has collaborated with BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, His Majesty's Royal Marine Band Scotland and has been broadcast on BBC Radio 3 and Al Jazeera. Fringe Classics internationally rated: ***** (EdinburghGuide.com), ***** (BingeFringe.com), ***** (TheUpsideNews.com), ***** (MissmandalMedia.com).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/debussy-s-romantic-piano-by-candlelight-clair-de-lune

Music	Stations of Mychal	Broughton St Mary's Parish Church	19:30	1 hr 30 mins	Aug-12	Father Mychal Judge was serving as NYC Fire Chaplain on the morning of 9/11 when the call came that a plane had hit the World Trade Center. Immediately he went to help, a decision that led to his death and designation as Victim 001. Stations of Mychal is a dramatic song cycle that tells the story of Fr. Mychal's life and death. With a libretto by Rick Davis and music by Kevin Safien, this work shows us the profound significance of a single human life set against the backdrop of the first defining event of our century.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026STATION
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Musicals and Opera	Antigone 1989: A Town Hall Musical	Gilded Balloon Patter House	15:05	1 hr	Aug 5-16, 18-23, 25-29	A bold retelling of Sophocles's tragedy set in Thebes, California. The Oracle summons audience-citizens and invokes the ancient rites of drama and democracy to address a crisis. Two brothers, gay activist Nikolas and conservative cop Elias – are dead after a protest on the capitol steps. When the Governor proclaims one a hero and the other an erased, defiant sister Tigg and best friend Henry risk everything for justice and love. The score delivers both burden and joy as it navigates human need, political greed, and grassroots resistance as survival. There is no sitting out.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026ANTIGON
Musicals and Opera	FUCCBOIS: LIVE IN CONCERT	Studio Two at Assembly George Square Studios	17:05	1 hr	Aug 5-10, 13-18, 20-25	The Fuccbois are the world's biggest boyband. They've sold more tickets and broken more hearts than anyone, but now it's time to say goodbye to their frosted tips forever; they're done. From award-winning writer Bridie Connell, FUCCBOIS: LIVE IN CONCERT is a massive comedy-boyband-extravaganza. It's an irreverent satire of toxic dating culture, but most importantly: the music is banging.	https://assemblyfestival.com/whats-on/fuccbois-live-in-concert
Musicals and Opera	Heated Rivalry: The Musical Parody!	Gilded Balloon Patter House	19:45	1 hr	Aug 5-16, 18-23, 25-30	Sexy sports stars burn up the ice in this funny, filthy spoof of hockey's hottest romance. A full-scale musical packed with songs, sex jokes, scandal and more pucking innuendos than should legally fit in one show. Lovingly parodying the show that had audiences swooning, blushing and caring about hockey for the first time. From Quick and Funny Musicals, the cult Upright Citizens Brigade LA creators known for turning pop culture obsessions into chaotic comedy musicals, this is an affectionate, outrageous musical send-up of passion, repression and the perfect foreplay to the rest of your night.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026HEATEDR
Musicals and Opera	Heated Rivalry: The Unauthorized Musical Parody	Underbelly, George Square	19:50	1 hr 10 mins	Aug 5-16, 18-30	Inspired by the hit show about hockey, Heated Rivalry: The Unauthorized Musical Parody follows starry-eyed golden boy Shane Hollander on his journey from power centre to power bottom. Sporting a bop-infused score, scene-stealing cameos by characters like Rose Landry and Ilya's Ass, and time jumps absolutely no one can keep track of, audiences will find themselves hot, bothered and probably saying, "...Girl! Because with love, sometimes it comes when you least expect it... and sometimes, it comes hands-free. So, grab a Canada Dry and join us for this hot and steamy romp!	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026HEATEDS
Musicals and Opera	Legendary	Underbelly, Bristo Square	15:35	1 hr 15 mins	Aug 5-16, 18-31	Ancient myths. Modern questions. International multi award-winning artist and singer-songwriter Cheeyang Ng blends Chinese mythology, memory and queer legacy in the electrifying solo ritual musical Legendary, a life-affirming tale of queer joy and identity. Through communal song and the retelling of ancient myths, they explore their relationship with family, tradition and the stories that have shaped them, but never reflected them. In the beginning, there was a god named Pan Gu and a ravishing goddess named Nu Wa. A global internet sensation, Legendary doesn't just tell a story: it invites the audience to create one. "Extraordinary" (Jason Robert Brown).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026LEGENDA
Musicals and Opera	Little Pink Dress	C ARTS C venues C aquila	17:35	1 hr 10 mins	Aug 5-16, 18-23, 25-30	A gay coming of age country/rock opera one-man musical traumedy. Based on an original album of autobiographical songs written and performed by Joey Jennings this dazzling, dreamy and poignant musical explores his hilarious and turbulent experiences navigating modern gay culture, generational trauma, addiction and reconnecting with his younger self. From the sterile fluorescent lights of a casting office to the magical dreamscape of a country cruising bar, it is ultimately a deeply personal love letter to his mother, a farewell to his Toyota Corolla and a re-discovery of the power of a long-lost little pink dress.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026LITTLEQ
Musicals and Opera	Moving On: A New Musical	Sanctuary at Paradise in Augustine	18:45	2 hr	Aug 24-30	Merging together the spooky, silly and sentimental, this comedy musical is about confronting the past, accepting yourself and knowing when to let go. When three siblings are given the job of clearing out their old teacher's possessions after a fatal accident, they discover there's more to the house than it seems... With the help of some resident ghosts, can the trio figure out what is causing these bizarre accidents and prevent it from happening again? Happy Sad are thrilled to bring this bone-chilling and heart-warming tale back to the Fringe this year!	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/moving-on-a-new-musical
Musicals and Opera	Sappho: The Poetess	Shednburgh @ Assembly Checkpoint	17:00	55 mins	Aug 13-14	This is the untold story of Sappho – poetess, queer icon, and history's first great songwriter. Torn from the woman she loves and forced into a marriage she never wanted, Sappho fights to reclaim her voice and her lost love – learning the heavy price the world demands of those who defy its rules. Guitar in hand and lyrics sharp as flames, she returns – part oracle, part rock star – in a musical memoir of women who dare to love, to dream, and to create in defiance of the world. This will be a stripped-back version.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026SAPPHOT
Musicals and Opera	Texas Annie: The Legend of the Moan Ranger	theSpace on the Mile	22:30	55 mins	Aug 7-15	Follow the campy, musical adventures of a renegade sex toy dealer in Texas when sex toys are declared illegal. When her granny's sex toy shop is raided, Annie's forced to transform from a shy shop girl into a mustachioed fugitive in disguise. Guided by the disembodied voice of her granny's girlfriend – now inhabiting one of the illegal sex toys – Annie's journey takes a turn when she inadvertently kidnaps the governor's daughter. Together, they embark on a wild ride of discovery and unexpected romance, delivering sex toys to those in need.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026TEXASAN
Musicals and Opera	Trains in the Night	theSpace @ Symposium Hall	20:20	50 mins	Aug 17-29	A sapphic coming-of-age musical for anyone who has ever been "just friends" with the love of their life. Celine and Margot have spent five years on opposite sides of the country, sustained by late-night phone calls, political debates, literary references and palpable chemistry they pretend not to feel. Every time one is single, the other isn't. Every time they almost say it, they don't. Funny, intimate and viscerally tender, this show is a love letter to sapphic yearning, homoerotic friendships, and the radical act of letting queer women have their happy ending.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026TRAINS
Musicals and Opera	Warriors: A Scottish Musical	C ARTS C venues C aquila	20:45	1 hr 15 mins	Aug 5-30	This unforgettable new musical written by veterans and set in modern-day Scotland returns to the Edinburgh Fringe after a sold-out run in 2023. Warriors blends real military experiences with contemporary musical theatre as four soldiers are followed from their infantry training, through their second tour in Afghanistan to show not only their experiences at war, but also the effect that it has on them and their families. Acclaimed at the Oran Mor (2024) and a British Legions tour this year, seize the opportunity to experience a heartrending story of love, loss, courage and family.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026WARRIOR
Spoken Word	Let People Like You	PBH's Free Fringe @ CC Blooms	13:45	1 hr	Aug 8-16, 18-24, 26-30	Let Edalia tickle your heartstrings in this life-affirming spoken-word show featuring comedy songs, tender dancing and Edalia's signature blend of heart-hugging poetry. Expect saucy ostriches, dancing squirrels and meditations on those beautiful moments the universe guides us together out of the rain. Inspired by Edalia's journey coming out as a trans woman living in Paris in 2010, this show explores what it means to open yourself to finding joy in an increasingly hostile world. Praise for Too Pretty To Punch: "Everyone should see this show" ***** (BroadwayBaby.com). "A digital masterpiece" ***** (FeministFringeReviews.wordpress.com).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026LETPEOP
Spoken Word	Queer Folks' Tales	Scottish Storytelling Centre	20:30	2 hr	Aug 12, 19, 26	The 5-star, award-winning hit LGBTQ+ storytelling show returns for its fourth Fringe: camper, fruitier and queerer than ever! Host Turan Ali takes time out from his BBC shows to scour the Fringe for the best queer talent, creating a diverse line-up of artists to share hilarious, surprising, sobering tales, songs and epic poems. Expect jaw-dropping insights into LGBTQ+ lives past, present and future. Edinburgh's most vibrant, authentic and exciting storytelling event ***** (TheWeeReview.com). "Utterly fabulous" ***** (TheQR.co.uk). ***** (BroadwayBaby.com). "[A] rich fruitcake of an evening" Must See Show 2025 (FringeReview.co.uk). "Triumphant" ***** (AllEdinburghTheatre.com).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026QUEERFO

Spoken Word	The Naked Truth	Paradise in Augustines	10:50, 21:50	30 mins	Aug 7-8, 10-15	The Naked Truth is a 30-minute spoken-word show that takes audiences on a fast, funny and emotionally charged journey into the things we usually keep to ourselves. Playful, provocative and uncomfortably relatable, it moves quickly between laughter, recognition and the occasional: did she really say that? Blending personal storytelling with sharp observation, Lynne Jones explores gender, sexuality, relationship diversity and the messiness of mid-life transitions, sharing stories with clarity and confidence, without pretending everything is neatly resolved. Lynne has performed at Macclesfield's Poetry Pandemonium and featured in the LGBT Foundation Summer Arts Trail.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026NAKEDTR
Spoken Word	The Provocateurs: Performing Possibility / No Booze, No Boogie?	The Stand Comedy Club 2	13:45	1 hr	Aug-18	Professor Zack Moir (Edinburgh Napier University) asks whether universities deliver the bright futures they promise. Through arts education, he explores how students are encouraged to imagine change, yet often trained to fit broken systems. How might higher education nurture justice, collaboration and better futures instead? Alcohol-free nightlife is an oxymoron to many. But why do we rely on alcohol as a social lubricant? Beth Meadows (Glasgow Caledonian University) asks why are some groups (e.g. LGBTQIA+ communities) at greater risk of alcohol related harms, and what could an alcohol-free nightlife culture mean?	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026PERFORN
Theatre	#hysterical	theSpace on the Mile	22:30	50 mins	Aug 7-11, 19-22, 24, 28	Hysterical. Synonym: Over-emotional, deranged. The Brighton, Camden and Lambeth Fringe sell-out show is back! A satirical, educational comedy show exploring the historical views and issues surrounding sexuality and gender. Join the one-person powerhouse performer Callaghan on a journey from the uptight Victorian misunderstandings of female anatomy, to the "debauchery" of sexual pleasure. 'This show is delightful' **** (www.FringeFan.com). 'Everything that needs to be said... but said hilariously' (Womtshine). Developed with the support of Scho Theatre Labs	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026HYSTERI
Theatre	@Jenna	C ARTS C venues C aquila	19:00	55 mins	Aug 5-30	What if your gay awakening was Pam from The Office? @Jenna is a one-woman show wrenched from a queer girl's unedited childhood diaries, as an obsession becomes an accidental roadmap to self-understanding. Second City New York alum Winnie Stack blends home videos, digital artifacts, and raw journal entries into an achingly funny coming-of-age story shaped by longing, performance, and first love. Humour, brutal honesty, and a menagerie of characters collide in an exploration of how we find, lose, and continually re-fashion ourselves in pursuit of desire. Laugh, cringe, and reflect on your own messy path towards self-acceptance.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026JENNIB
Theatre	1518: The Dancing Plague	Studio at theSpaceTriplex	21:05	50 mins	Aug 24-29	Get ready to shake your a\$\$ and dance 'til you (hopefully don't) die. 1518: The Dancing Plague is a satirical comedy based on the very real mass hysteria that led to uncontrollable dancing in medieval Europe. As the city of Strasbourg descends into chaos, two (capital P) Peasants, Katherine and Anna, rekindle their long-fractured romance. Meanwhile, authorities and clergy scramble to contain the mysterious outbreak. The chaos of the plague, both absurd and dire, reveals uncanny parallels to the crises of our modern age. Come join us for a dance party you seriously can't forget!	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/1518-the-dancing-plague
Theatre	2 Queers in Tears?dd	Olive Studio at Greenside @ George Street	21:50	1 hr	Aug 7-15, 17-22, 24-29	A fast-paced, funny and tender two-hander following queer drama school students navigating identity, friendship, cultural wounds and the journey to becoming their authentic selves. Set inside the heightened, performative world of drama school, where everyone is acting even when they're trying not to. As Billy and Elliot stumble through relationships, therapy, family trauma and their own defences, the play explores what happens when you stop performing for approval and start telling the truth. It's a love story about chosen family, the masks we wear to survive and the courage it takes to finally take them off.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026QUEERS
Theatre	5 Lesbians Eating A Quiche	Paradise in Augustines	13:25, 20:10	1 hr 10 mins	Aug 7-8, 10-15	It's 1956 and The Susan B Anthony Society for the Sisters of Gertrude Stein is having their annual quiche breakfast. As the widows await the announcement of the society's prize-winning quiche, the atomic bomb sirens sound! Has the Communist threat come to pass? How will the widows respond as their idyllic town and lifestyle faces attacks? Secrets come out as they wrestle with hysteria, survival and a fate worse than death: a world without quiche! 2024 NJACT Perry Award-winner for Best Play. Written by Evan Linder and Andrew Hobgood. Featuring UK Olympian Sinead Kerr.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026LESBIA
Theatre	A Foot is Not an Appropriate Prize for the Tombola	Pleasance Courtyard	15:20	1 hr	Aug 5-16, 18-31	After a severed foot is found in one of the tombola prizes, Lydia is determined not to let it ruin the village fête. But as the revelations get more bizarre, and Lydia attempts to work out "whodunnit", it appears there might be a more horrific truth to the village than anyone realised. A camp and comedic interactive murder mystery inspired by the worlds of cosy crime and cosmic horror, performed by vibrant storyteller Daniel McVey. Prepare to be intrigued, entertained and leave questioning the wild world we live in.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026FOOTISN
Theatre	A Forgotten Woman: Mrs Oscar Wilde	Annexe at theSpace @ Symposium Hall	17:05	1 hr	Aug 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 25, 27, 29	Constance Lloyd is rarely remembered in literary history, overshadowed by her infamous husband. Feminist, writer and mother, her life is told through letter excerpts written in her own hand, revealing wit to rival Oscar's, with dry humour and fierce selfhood. From a troubled childhood to society womanhood and quiet tragedy, this intimate solo performance restores a voice history diminished, inviting audiences to root for a brilliant, resilient heroine. Her story unfolds with grace, courage, humour and defiance. 'Engaging...fascinating... flawless' ***** (Open Door). 'Gut-wrenchingly convincing' ***** (TheReviewsHub.com). 'Wolfe excels' ***** (Fringe Guru).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/a-forgotten-woman-mrs-oscar-wilde
Theatre	A Gay Masseur's Guide to Happy Endings	Greenside @ George Street	22:05	1 hr	Aug 7-15, 17-22	A broke actor in New York turns to "gay massage" to make rent. What follows is a darkly funny, unfiltered descent into sex work, addiction, blurred boundaries and the relentless need to be wanted. From awkward first clients to a night that spirals out of control, this brutally honest solo show explores intimacy, shame and survival in a world where attention feels like love. How far would you go to feel desired – and what happens when that's all you know how to be?	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026GAYMASS
Theatre	A Giggle With The Gaggles	theSpace on the Mile	12:35	50 mins	Aug 24-29	Over the course of one year after Daniel's tragic death at Brighton Pride, Brian and his two friends Craig and James all navigate grief in their own way; a secret affair, a mid-twenties crisis and imagining conversations with Daniel. Three friends go on an honest, heartfelt and hilarious journey of grief and loss finding queer joy and chosen family. A Giggle With The Gaggles is a touching new play exploring how we overcome the difficult chapters in our lives. Acting as a love letter to Pride and the queer community.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026GIGGLEW
Theatre	A Man Proposes to a Balloon, or Possibly Something Worse	Gilded Balloon Patter House	13:00	1 hr	Aug 15-23, 25-31	Mikey's decided two things: he's ready to propose to his partner and he's going to practise his proposal speech on a balloon first. Coming to the same park bench every day, a strange relationship develops and soon, the balloon starts talking back to him. Written by stand-up comedian and So You Think You're Funny finalist, Mark Daniels, this ridiculous dark comedy is a story of love, loneliness and a gay man's relationship with his city. Oh, and it's also about a passive aggressive b*tch of a talking balloon.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026MANPROP
Theatre	A Public Display of Affection	Gilded Balloon Patter House	19:20	1 hr	Aug 5-16, 18-23, 25-30	At a queer community event, an "inspirational" elder steps up to deliver the speech everyone expects: warm, wise and reassuring. Instead, he tells the truth. Funny, furious and deeply human, this solo show tumbles through 1970s Toronto bars, police raids, bathhouses, AIDS wards and the polished cruelty of rainbow capitalism. Friends are lost, old compromises resurface and survival proves messier than nostalgia allows. This is a sharp, unsentimental reckoning with queer history, intergenerational memory and what it really means to live long enough to watch your identity become marketable.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026PUBLICD
Theatre	A Queer Little Murder	Gilded Balloon Patter House	15:40	1 hr	Aug 5-18, 20-31	When a dead body is discovered in a small and incredibly queer town, the audience must decide who committed the murder. Every queer stereotype is a suspect in this whodunnit!	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026QUEERLI
Theatre	Acid's Reign	Pleasance Courtyard	15:45	1 hr 15 mins	Aug 5-11, 13-23, 25-31	2019: A new drag supergroup bursts onto the scene, intent on challenging climate change. Present day: Interest wanes. Climate funding falters. When commercial opportunity knocks, the company faces a reckoning: stay radical or stay visible? Provocative, camp and razor-sharp, Acid's Reign is a riotous queer musical with a live band and powerhouse vocals from drag superstars including Victoria Scone, Scarlett Harlett and Gigi Zahir (fresh from supporting Chappell Roan) about activism, community and the power of performance. 'Disarmingly poignant... Vibrant and expressive work with a wholly authentic voice' ***** (Stage).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026ACIDSRF

Theatre	Acts of Contrition	Braw Venues @ Hill Street	13:00	1 hr	Aug 7-30	'And what is Sunday Mass if not the original Drag Brunch?' How did a wee Catholic Glesga boy end up being one of Spain's power house Drag Queens? And how is it the Catholic Church's fault? Follow young Gerrard as he goes through the many "acts" and "drags" he had to put on all in order to hide in the closet in early 2000s Glasgow. With the help of Madonna, a Zealous Nun and a dark encounter – Gerrard flees to España, only to collide straight into the fabulous Queen he was always meant to be.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026ACTSOFC
Theatre	After Shakespeare	Annexe at theSpace @ Symposium Hall	17:05	1 hr	Aug 8, 10, 12, 14, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28	Returning for its third Edinburgh season, After Shakespeare asks what happens to Shakespeare's heroes and villains once the curtain falls. Lady Macbeth, Portia, Hamlet and King Hal reflect on power, love and survival, beyond the endings we think we know. In this acclaimed solo show, Lexi Wolfe transforms seamlessly between four iconic characters, weaving Shakespeare's language with historical insight and fresh dramatic imagination. Witty, poignant, surprising, a thoughtful, inventive celebration of voice and consequence, long after the lights fade. 'A must-see show' ***** (EdinburghGuide.com). 'One of this year's stand-out shows' ***** (GetYourCoatsOn.com). 'Refreshing and gifted writing' **** (WestEndBestFriend.co.uk).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/after-shakespeare
Theatre	Arachne / Athena	Front Room at Assembly @ St Andrew Square	19:45	55 mins	Aug 17-30	The Goddess of Justice is BACK to restore order for mortals. Unfortunately, she keeps coughing up webs... and the curse won't break until she reveals her past injustices as Olympus' judge. A bold, modern reimagining about Athena and the woman she turned into a spider. Using only props, songs and sheep, Britt Anderson weaves a mythic story about friendship and the dismantling power of art. Pick of the Fringe Winner, 2026 Green Bay Fringe. 'The perfect balance of fantasy, clever humour and modern interjections' **** (TheatreWeekly.com). 'Full of fun surprises that carry a sharp sting' (Recommended, FringeReview.co.uk).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/arachne-athena
Theatre	atticwife	Studio at theSpace @ Niddry S	Various times	50 mins	Aug 7-15, 17-25	Astrid Fisher is an influencer who goes from tradwife to trapped-wife when her husband locks her in their attic. She says she's sooooo happy to be up there, but some of her viewers aren't so convinced. When one of those concerned viewers breaks into the attic to try and rescue her, she is forced to question if the life she's made as a "traditional woman" is as perfect as she's always claimed... or if she's in serious danger.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/atticwife
Theatre	Bad Lesbians (WIP)	Shedinburgh @ Assembly Checkpoint	15:15	1 hr	Aug 29-30	It's the fantasy of lesbian bliss: we're good, everything's good. Except it's really not. Bad Lesbians turns domestic space into a combat arena, a villain cabaret that explores queer intimate partner violence through a blend of humour and discomfort. As Haddaway once asked: what is love? Expect synchro choreo, red flags aplenty, and conversations we'd rather avoid brought into the spotlight. This is a chance to see a brand new piece of work from a legendary Fringe company as a part of Shedinburgh. Please note this will be a work-in-progress performance.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026BADLESB
Theatre	BASIC BALD B*TCH	Underbelly, Cowgate	15:55	1 hr	Aug 5-11, 13-16, 18-23, 25-30	Hair is everything. Until it's not. This one-hour, one-woman, one-night stand of a show is about Amy. Everyone wants to be Amy. Until her hair falls out in all the wrong places. What follows is a knotty mess of swimming caps, cat shit and four-finger foreheads. Things buried threaten to rear their ugly bald head. She can't stop thinking about the door. Her bedroom door. And the man hiding behind it. Now Amy attempts to take back her body, one fake eyebrow at a time. This show uses drag and comedy to explore sexuality, alopecia and assault.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026BASICBA
Theatre	BearGirl!	Roxyboxy at Assembly Roxy	16:20	1 hr	Aug 5-16, 18-23, 25-31	Bear suits, bereavement and big scary feelings... Oh my. When a grief-stricken widow struggles to cope with her husband's death, she finds comfort by donning a bear costume. Thus, BearGirl is born: an unfeeling, thick-skinned beast who doesn't care what happens to her next. But when the voice of her lost love starts to haunt her, she's reminded of a past mistake that she desperately wants to outrun. Can BearGirl ever truly disappear? Or will reality turn predator into prey? A new play about making peace with the beast within, written after The Bear by Anton Chekhov (1888).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/beargirl
Theatre	Behind Closed Doors	Braw Venues @ Hill Street	15:15	1 hr	Aug 12-30	A raw and intimate two hander exploring a gay relationship pushed to breaking point. When Charlie uncovers Jude's secrets, a late-night confrontation spirals into something far more dangerous. As trust collapses, themes of addiction, violence and suicide rise to the surface, exposing the fragile line between love and control. Behind Closed Doors is an unflinching look at emotional abuse, obsession and the devastating impact of betrayal. Stripped back and intense, the piece places audiences inside a relationship unravelling in real time; asking how far someone can be pushed before everything fractures beyond repair.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026BEHINDC
Theatre	Benjamin Quirk: Twirk Death	Gilded Balloon Patter House	21:00	1 hr	Aug 19-23, 25-30	Benjamin Quirk has it all. Good hair. Hot boyfriend. Near non-existent waist. But death comes for us all – and for him it's coming sooner than he thought. At the ripe old age of 28, he's facing death one new chest hair at a time. Join Benjamin in this whirlwind, genre-bending new solo show as he feverishly chases immortality and begs for a redemption arc not seen since Christ himself. 'The masterful work of someone very smart making jokes that are very stupid' (Magazine6000.com). 'Messy, chaotic, effortlessly blending comedy with vulnerability' (List).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026BENJAMI
Theatre	Best. Dad. NEVER.	Just The Tonic at The Mash House	13:05	1 hr	Aug 6-17, 19-30	A gay Armenian-American girl dad, setting out to be the perfect black girl magic-celebrating papa, stumbles through the hilarious and humbling fumbles of first-time fatherhood: from shopping for girls' swimsuits to catching his own bigotry. Haig "Hike" Chahinian, grandson of Armenian Genocide survivors, was expected to marry a woman from his tribe. Instead, he met his dream man and adopted a bouncing biracial baby. Inspired by his viral essays in The New York Times, this intimate, messy, richly relatable story unpacks what we inherit, what we pass down, and the inherent conflict in striving to be good.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026BESTDAD
Theatre	Bi-Curious George: Snail Trail	Pleasance Courtyard	15:00	1 hr	Aug 5-14, 16-17, 19-31	Meet George. He has a soft belly and a tendency to hide in his shell when he's overwhelmed. Lots of you think he's a pest. You think he's disgusting and that he ruins your garden. But we could all learn a thing or two from George. Bi-Curious George (Queer Planet) returns with a slimy exploration of trans-masculinity, hormones and being a pest. Celebrate sensuality, rotting and renewal in this drag-comedy that offers queer alternatives for anyone with a body. 'Full of energy and charm' (Graham Norton). 'The embodiment of queer joy' (Scotsman).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026BICURIO
Theatre	BITS OF IN BED WITH MY BROTHER	Shedinburgh (Venue 322) at Shedinburgh @ Assembly Checkpoint	20:30	45 mins	Aug-22	Sometimes you've gotta throw shit at the wall to see what sticks. And then discard the shit. Not us. We put all of our shittiest bits into one big shit show. From the multi award-winning artists behind five-star hits PHILOSOPHY OF THE WORLD, TRICKY SECOND ALBUM and WE ARE IAN, we bring you 45 minutes of absolute shit. What we made up. You'll be appalled. Plz wear waterproofs. 'There is no-one quite like them' ***** (BritishTheatreGuide.info). This will be a special stripped-back show for Shedinburgh.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/bits-of-in-bed-with-my-brother
Theatre	boobytrapped	theSpace on the Mile	21:30	50 mins	Aug 7-15, 17-22, 24-29	Bodyswap romcom chaos erupts when Simon, a trans man, and Kevin, a cis man, meet in a gay club and are instantly drawn to each other. Their hookup derails when Kevin realises Simon is trans, but before things turn ugly, a magical twist traps them in each other's bodies. Forced to navigate insecurities and prejudice, they must work together to reverse the swap - whether they understand each other or not. From the creators of Fckboy - winner of the Binge Fringe Queer Award and The Stagey Best LGBTQ+ Production.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026BOOBYTR
Theatre	Bottoming for Jesus	ZOO Southside	22:40	1 hr	Aug 7-16, 18-30	A show about holes... and the lengths we go to fill them. At fifteen, Michael R Speciale converted himself to Mormonism – no missionaries required. A closeted gay teenager in the Pacific Northwest, he built an entire belief system to contain what he couldn't face. Surprise! It didn't work. Part stand-up, part cabaret, part sermon, part TED Talk, Speciale transforms the theatre into a queer church of longing, doubt and spectacular failure through musical numbers, radical oversharing, whiteboard theology and of course, Judy Garland. 'An audacious but essential work of art' (WWeek.com). European Premiere.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026BOTTOMI
Theatre	Brick	C ARTS C venues C aurora	16:15	1 hr	Aug 5-30	James is stuck. Adrenalised and alone with an unconscious cellmate in a police holding cell after throwing a brick during a queer rights protest, he unpacks the experiences that brought him here: a lifelong battle with identity, over-achievement masking loneliness, a family tragedy that left deep fractures. Pulled into protest culture through a crush on an artist/activist, personal grief and political fury collide. With dark humour and confession, this powerful new play – winner of the 2026 BoonDog Theatre Edinburgh Mentorship Scheme – examines how systemic neglect pushes vulnerable people toward dangerous obsessions and extreme acts.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026BRICK

Theatre	Buggers	Pleasance Courtyard	13:20	1 hr	Aug 5-16, 18-23, 25-30	London, 1963. When painter Francis Bacon meets petty criminal George Dyer – a hedonistic, sexually charged union takes hold. But as cracks in George's mental health begin to appear and Francis' ego becomes impossible, their passionate and sadoomasochistic relationship descends into a black hole only one of them will survive. This haunting psychodrama imagines visceral fragments of the lovers' turbulent relationship – from its lustful beginning to its shattering end. By Alistair Hall. Directed by Alice Wordsworth.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026BUGGERS
Theatre	Bunny!	Anatomy Lecture Theatre at Summerhall	22:15	1 hr	Aug 6-16, 18-23, 25-31	Meet Bunny, an aspiring theatre starlet looking for her big break. She's also a serial killer, streamlining the talent pool through cold-blooded murder to increase her chances of landing a role. After getting rid of the country's actors, emerging theatre companies and even some big hitters, she's still no closer to achieving her dreams. But a revolution is starting to unfold, and Bunny is at the heart of it. Her murderous ways inspire a radical movement hell-bent on destroying billionaires, celebrity culture and artistic fascism. But Bunny just wants to be on Broadway...	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/bunny
Theatre	CAMPITALISM: Three Gays Try to Fix The Economy	Pleasance Courtyard	14:05	55 mins	Aug 10-16, 18-31	Money makes the world go round. But as young people working in an industry that is increasingly being sapped of money and support, how are we expected to navigate it? In a system that is stacked against us, maybe it's up to us to tear it down. Camptalism is a TeDx talk meets drag brunch meets the Lehman Trilogy. Three queers battle entrenched bureaucracy in an earnest attempt to understand and demystify finance. We're here, we're queer and we're financially-illiterate.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026CAMPITA
Theatre	Can You Teach Me How To Breathe?	Amphitheatre at theSpace @ Symposium Hall	09:15	1 hr 10 mins	Aug 24-29	In, Out, In, Out. Can You Teach Me How To Breathe? follows four people trapped on a submarine, slowly sinking deeper into the ocean. Though eager to fix their situation, none of them know how. None of them know why they're on a submarine at all. With nothing to do but wait, they begin to open up about their theories and opinions – only to return to the same sinking feeling that's followed them all their lives.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/can-you-teach-me-how-to-breathe
Theatre	Carmilla	Greenside @ Riddles Court	12:40	50 mins	Aug 10-15	Lesbians, vampires and... communists? When love and desire are made monstrous, what beautiful monsters lovers make. Carmilla retells the lesser-known Gothic classic with a mid-century McCarthy twist. At the height of the Lavender Scare, Laura faces scrutiny over her entanglement one summer six years ago with an allegedly perverse and dangerous woman: Carmilla. What was once a cautionary tale, detailing the dangers of female sexuality, is reimagined as a queer love story. Charismatic, introspective and seductive – this show is a must-see.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026CARMILL
Theatre	Chestnuts	Greenside @ George Street	15:00	50 mins	Aug 7-15, 17-22, 24-29	Teddy and Polly are lost, twenty-something queers flying from London to Shanghai for Niki, Polly's ex-girlfriend's funeral. This traditional mourning ritual celebrating Niki's life is on the same day as the Nanjing Massacre memorial (13th December). This brings up Teddy's own connection with the controversial historical figure, the "good Nazi in Nanjing", who has been haunting him since his breakup with his ex. Following these unresolved separations in death and misunderstandings in life, Chestnuts tells a story about friendship, migration, queer identity, relationship across cultures, feeling like an outsider and searching for peace when it never truly existed.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026CHESTNU
Theatre	Cinderella and Frankenstein's Monster Are Dead	Studio at theSpaceTriplex	13:05	45 mins	Aug 7-15, 17-22, 24-29	A gothic fairytale for the culturally confused. A Chinese exchange student at an American high school sees herself in Frankenstein's monster – stitched together and out of place. When the drama club stages Cinderella, she auditions to prove her worth, only to find herself longing for the Mandarin rhymes she once sang with pride. As foreign stories glitch into nightmares, she realises: both the princess and the monster are dead. She's neither. Critically acclaimed at 2025 Brighton Fringe: 'raw, eye-opening' **** (TheatreInBrighton.co.uk), 'refreshing and linguistically aware take on identity construction' **** (SoundBehindCurtain.com).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/cinderella-and-frankenstein-s-monster-are-dead
Theatre	Collateral Damage	theSpace @ Surgeons' Hall	20:45	50 mins	Aug 24-29	'You can't force someone to open up, can you?' In the aftermath of tragedy, a mother drowns her sorrows, one daughter lashes out at the world, while another soldiers on through the storm. The Laing family have been through thick and thin together but now lead separate lives. In the wake of Alex Laing's release from prison, can they mend the rift between them, or have some wounds been cut too deep? Collateral Damage is a new-writing drama, tackling themes of generational trauma, mental health and recovery, through the lens of working class and queer Scottish women.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026COLLATE
Theatre	Crocodile Rock	Gilded Balloon Teviot	16:30	1 hr	Aug 5-10, 12-17, 19-24, 26-31	Trapped on the sleepy Scottish island of Cumbrae, seventeen-year-old Steven McPhail feels like an outsider dreading a dead-end future. He desperately needs an escape – and he's about to find it. When a dazzling encounter with a flamboyant stranger opens his eyes, Steven steps out of the shadows to embrace his authentic self. Crocodile Rock is a 'heart-rendering exploration of sexuality' (ScotsGayArts.com) and a hilarious, touching journey of self-discovery. With a soaring original score, this five-star show is a 'fabulous musical... a must-see' (The ReviewsHub.com), featuring a 'tour-de-force' (Herald) performance by Darren Brownlie.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026CROCODI
Theatre	Cruising	Pleasance Courtyard	12:50	1 hr	Aug 5-24, 26-31	When a dancer and a climate activist meet over margaritas on a Mediterranean cruise, their sizzling attraction seems like the perfect holiday fling. Until the pair realise they share more than just chemistry: both are in a relationship with the same person. As potential romance explodes into fierce rivalry, the duo launch a competitive campaign of eco-sabotage against the mega-polluting ship. With the heat rising, can their connection and desire for a better world survive these dangerous waters? This queer romcom by Katrina Bennett is a subversive exploration of protest and passion.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026CRUISIN
Theatre	CVNTCLAVE	Greenside @ George Street	20:45	1 hr	Aug 7-15, 17-22, 24-29	A one-Cardinal-show exploring power, faith, hypocrisy and how much tea that cup can hold before it runneth over. Inspired by the hottest film of recent times: Conclave. But queer(er). During conclave, cardinals are locked inside the Vatican together to elect the next Pope. It's a spiritual gathering. It's not a war – all the fighting has to be invisible. Enter the confessional of Cardinal Cvntvs, who wouldn't dream of plotting to take down his competitors, because Cvntvs' Vatican is definitely not an endless repository of salacious queer drama, petty squabbles and psychosexual, above-lepid rivalries. Nope. This is serious shit.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026CVNTCLA
Theatre	D H Lawrence: The Prussian Officer	theSpace on the Mile	15:10	45 mins	Aug 7-15, 17-19	Power. Desire. Control. Set within a harsh military world, The Prussian Officer charts the explosive relationship between a young orderly and his commanding officer. What starts as obedience twists into dangerous obsession as authority and attraction collide. Ben Mills-Wood's charged new adaptation of D H Lawrence's story shines a fierce light on repression, class and the human cost of desire denied. With striking performances and bold direction, this taut psychological drama reveals how passion, when silenced, becomes destructive – a gripping battle between control and surrender that leaves lasting scars.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026DLAWRE
Theatre	Daddy	Summerhall	22:40	1 hr	Aug 6-17, 19-24, 26-31	Joel has Daddy issues. In a party of pick'n'mix participation, acclaimed Aboriginal choreographer, Joel Bray, hankers for his father and their lost mother tongue. Creating a candy-coloured world he folds and sifts his way amongst the audience, playfully seducing the room with a dollop of queer desire while prodding the deep cavities of colonisation. Heartbreaking and hilarious, Daddy is a provocative confection of conversation, choreography and (actual) cream. Joel soft-serves a sugar rush of spontaneous community where everyone is safe and licking is optional. 'Does performance art get more powerful and intimate?' ***** (Sydney Morning Herald).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026DADDY
Theatre	Define Queerness	Venue 13	19:45	1 hr	Aug 8, 11, 13, 15, 18, 20, 22, 25, 27, 29	How do you define queerness? What was your first exposure to queerness? What does being queer mean to you? Define Queerness is a verbatim piece which explores gender, sexuality and identity within relationships, friendships and social pressures. Written using text from recorded interviews with two queer couples, Define Queerness showcases a variety of experiences and issues regarding queer love in an authentic and personal way. Built through a devised theatre process, Define Queerness aims to uplift queer communities and create a space for queer joy.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026DEFINEQ
Theatre	DESPERATE WEE GAY BOY	Underbelly, Cowgate	17:45	50 mins	Aug 5-17, 19-30	Dive headfirst into the whirlwind life of Ollie, a chaotic but lovable Scot navigating London's queer nightlife. From tequila-fuelled dance floors, to messy encounters with geezers on Grindr. To the high school crush he ached to get with, to Phil Mitchell in a sauna? How iconic can one gay boy be! Join Ollie on a sexy-ass odyssey of a night out in this not-so-one-man show exploring what it means to crave connection in a world of fleeting thrills.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026DESPERB

Theatre	Diana: The Untold and Untrue Story	Underbelly, Bristo Square	22:00	1 hr 15 mins	Aug 24-30	Do you know the story of Diana? Probably. But do you know our story of Diana? We very much doubt it. Join Diana in heaven as she shares the untold and untrue tale of her extraordinary life. Combining drag, multimedia, audience interaction, puppetry and queer joy, this unique celebration of the people's princess has won multiple awards and sold out venues across the world. A loving celebration of Ar Di that is as hilarious as it is ridiculous. From the creators of Linus Karp Was Hit With An Umbrella.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026DIANATH
Theatre	Diary of a DL Trade	PBH's Free Fringe @ Carbon	17:55	1 hr	Aug 8-18	Heralded by audiences as 'funny, authentic and brave', Louis Utleyin returns with a brutally honest and hilarious show about radical queer self acceptance – mixing poetry, stand-up, music, and rap in a unique and raw format. Hailing from Glasgow, Louis' work has captivated the queer community across many art forms, and he's finally at the Fringe.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026DIARYOH
Theatre	Did You Charge Your Phone for the End of the World?	Pickle Studio at Greenside @ Riddles Court	19:30	1 hr	Aug 17-22, 24-29	The year is 2034. A city-demolishing asteroid is heading for Brooklyn. The government refuses to alert the public of the impending catastrophe until a boutique advertising agency can come up with a positive rebrand for the calamitous asteroid.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/did-you-charge-your-phone-for-the-end-of-the-world
Theatre	Dirty Dancer	Belly Laugh at Underbelly, Cowgate	19:25	1 hr	Aug 5-17, 19-30	A one-woman parody with a lift, this bold, funny riff on the 1987 cult classic Dirty Dancing is packed with sharp wit, physical storytelling and playful audience connection. The colourful crew from Kellerman's Resort comes to life with a twist, fuelling this fast-paced, high-energy ride: no partner required. Dirty Dancer invites you to relive the nostalgia, revel in the joy and have the time of your life... because nobody puts this Baby in a corner.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/dirty-dancer
Theatre	Disciples of Anatomy	Greenside @ George Street	18:35	1 hr 10 mins	Aug 7-15, 17-22	1848. London's surgical golden age. A parlour room. Cassandra Thwaite has misplaced her new husband, Adelaide Hall wants out of the countryside and Maud Flemming is pining to go back. Three women, the wives of eminent medical men, endure an excruciating afternoon tea as the table is set for calamity. Tense, darkly funny and true to life, Disciples of Anatomy champions Autistic-led theatre through its protagonist Maud, the first neurodivergent heroine in a period drama. Anatomy is a nasty business, and if the past won't stay dead, you might as well dig it up again...	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026DISCIPL
Theatre	Don't Rain on My Parade!	theSpace @ Surgeons' Hall	20:45	50 mins	Aug 7-15	Don't Rain on My Parade is a bold, hilarious and heartfelt 50-minute cabaret-theatre show starring award-winning Highland icon Miss Lottie Mouth. Featuring hit songs from stage and screen, razor-sharp comedy and moments of moving honesty, it tells the story of a boy who loved a fabulous dress and grew up under Section 28 – turning shame into sequins. With council-estate courage, queer resilience and gloriously camp theatricality, Miss Lottie Mouth celebrates identity, survival and sparkle in an uplifting show packed with heart, humour and powerhouse diva spirit.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026DONTRAI
Theatre	Doughboys	Greenside @ Riddles Court	18:25	1 hr	Aug 7-15, 17-22	With America entering the Great War, Private Sandes has finally arrived at the Western Front with just one problem. A problem that must be kept secret from the bumbling Sergeant... Sandes is a woman. Disguised as an American Doughboy, Sandes isn't the only drag king in the trench. Bianconi, a desperate bachelorette, has come to No Man's Land to land... a man. And Furse, an orphan, is looking for her MIA brother. With battle looming and the Sergeant's second-in-command threatening to reveal them, the women have just hours to find love, family and themselves before all hell breaks loose.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026DOUGHBO
Theatre	Dungeons and Shakespeare	Gilded Balloon Patter House	13:35	1 hr	Aug 5-12, 14-27	Welcome to a world where you can see the greatest characters from Shakespeare face horrific monsters from Dungeons & Dragons! Inspired by the Bard. Determined by dice. Brought to life on stage. Join in an epic adventure that is different every time as audience chooses and the roll of giant dice decides if the heroes live or die. All the world's a game... Come be a player.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026DUNGEEO
Theatre	...Earnest?	Udderbelly at Underbelly, George Square	15:45	1 hr 15 mins	Aug 6-12, 14-30	erfect for fans of The Play That Goes Wrong and Noises Off. ***** (Skinny). Returning to the Fringe for the sixth time due to phenomenal demand, this Oscar Wilde twist is guaranteed to have you in stitches. When a traditional production of Oscar Wilde's classic play gets underway, everything seems to be going perfectly to plan... until the lead actor fails to arrive on cue. 'Guaranteed to bring a smile to the face of even the greatest of improv-phobic curmudgeons' ***** (Scotsman).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/earnest
Theatre	Eight Hours	theSpace @ Surgeons' Hall	14:45	45 mins	Aug 17, 19, 21, 24, 26, 28	Strangers, eight hours, one connection they can't quite explain. Eight hours follows two queer women through the only eight hours they'll ever spend together, it might mean everything – or nothing at all. As the night unfolds, they navigate tension, vulnerability and the question of what if. Upon their first meeting, a fantasy is created between them but when morning comes they are to never see each other again. Is eight hours long enough to fall in love?	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026EIGHTHO
Theatre	Fight or Flight	theSpace @ Surgeons' Hall	18:45	35 mins	Aug 7-15	Fight or Flight is a one-act play with two alternate endings that follows the story of two trans men who find and lose love for one another. Showcasing 14 scenes in a non-linear timeline, Fight or Flight is sure to keep the audience on their toes! With a twist ending, the audience chooses the characters' fate. The jury are aware it is life or death.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026FIGHTOR
Theatre	Forest Fringe: Three Queer Daughters (WIP)	Shedinburgh @ Assembly Checkpoint	15:15	50 mins	Aug 25-26	Award-winning theatre maker Rachel Mars has spent the last few years being a mid-life queer and daughtering. This is the fallout. A hilarious, dark-as-hell foray into the inner lives of three women who meet when the endless small things mount up until they can't hold it together any longer, and they do something drastic. In an alley. 'A triumphant show... dripping with uninhibited desire' (Guardian, Your Sexs Are Shit). This is a chance to see a brand-new piece of work from a Fringe legend as part of Shedinburgh. Please note this is a work-in-progress.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026THREEQU
Theatre	Fruit Flies	theSpace on the Mile	17:10	55 mins	Aug 24-29	When visiting her old gay best friend, Maddy is introduced to his new friend Steph, and sparks fly. One disagreement over Chappell Roan tickets later, and the two fruit flies find themselves sucked into a bizarre world where they are pitted against each other again, and again, and again...	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026FRUITFL
Theatre	Ghosts of West Hollywood	Paradise in Augustines	11:20	1 hr	Aug 17-22	Ghosts of West Hollywood is a solo performance exploring the pursuit of an acting career in Hollywood and the personal cost of reinvention. Drawing on experiences of drama school expulsion, immigration, coming out, addiction and recovery, the show blends confessional storytelling with dark humour and theatrical flair. Set against the neon-lit mythology of LA, the piece examines ambition, identity and survival – asking what we leave behind when chasing a dream, and what continues to haunt us when we finally stop running. Orsini's work spans theatre and screen, including a cameo as Banksy in Ted Lasso.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026GHOSTSO
Theatre	Girlfriends	Greenside @ George Street	11:25, 13:45	1 hr	Aug 7-15, 17-22, 24-29	A true-enough, one-woman, cross-country cabaret-play. Drive across the USA in 2014 with one impulsive, weepy 22-year-old in a spray-painted Honda Civic. She will sing for gasoline, frighten bears with Shakespeare, try out vibrators in Texas, learn to smoke by Arizona and how to heal her heart by Zion. All while travelling with a stranger. Featuring radio hits sung live, Shakespeare proclaimed wildly, feminine pleasure found, and denied truths explored. Following a sold-out run Off-Off Broadway in NYC, Girlfriends is a play that couldn't help but wonder... when it comes to relationships... were they ever just... girlfriends?	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026GIRLFRI

Theatre	Graduatic	Stephenson Theatre at theSpace @ Surgeons' Hall and Studio at theSpace @ Niddry St	Various times	50 mins	Aug 7-8, 14-15, 24-29	A love letter to Educating Rita for an age that can't agree on anything. A fierce, funny and unsettling two-hander about grief, reinvention and the fragile possibility of dialogue. When mature student Susan is accused of transphobia, charged encounters with her tutor force buried grief and long-suppressed truths to the surface. Written by Lucy Linford, a TV writer and graduate of the NFTS and GCU. 'Her bruised characters twitch with hunger' (Colin McLaren, BAFTA-winning screenwriter).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/graduatic
Theatre	HAM	Old Lab at Summerhall	19:30	1 hr	Aug 6-17, 19-24, 26-30	A grief-stricken vegan seeks revenge for the death of a pig. First, he thinks for a long time. Second, he blames his mother. Finally, he wreaks the ultimate vengeance... by putting on a play. HAM is a kinky eco-hijacking of Shakespeare's Hamlet about meat, madness and the power of shame. The 'vividly, viscerally alive' ***** (Guardian) Hotter Project twists this high-brow tragedy into a sordid wrestle between a vegan and a sausage-lover. As we hurtle towards the end of humankind, every one of us must decide: to eat, or not to eat? That is the question.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/ham
Theatre	Hendrik Quast: Spill Your Guts	Pickle Studio at Greenside @ Riddles Court	20:45	50 mins	Aug 7-15, 17-22	His gut has a voice and it's relentless. A darkly comic ventriloquist show about a gut gone rogue. Half healthy, half sick, Hendrik performs alongside a sharp-tongued dummy embodying his illness: a chronic, invisible, inflammatory force, a dysfunctional double act turning against him. Blending theatre, comedy and musical elements, Quast argues with his puppet about shame and what spills out. Beginning as a classic act, spiralling into chaos: the illness doesn't just disrupt his gut, it speaks. And Quast listens: to his illness, to the medical system and to the healthy faces watching him.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/hendrik-quast-spill-your-guts
Theatre	How to Believe in Anything	Cellar at Laughing Horse @ The Raging Bull	23:30	50 mins	Aug 6-18	Sam, obsessed with stars and stuck in middle-of-nowhere British Columbia, is given an out-of-this-world opportunity the night of her 14th birthday. An alien (who looks suspiciously like her missing mother) visits and promises a whirlwind adventure with deadly repercussions. Escape isn't easy, and sometimes you have to blast off in order to survive. If you want your mother to hold you, if you want your current life to go up in flames, or if you want the kind of revenge that puts people in jail, this is the show for you.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/how-to-believe-in-anything
Theatre	How To Feel Feelings	Studio at theSpaceTriplex	14:05	50 mins	Aug 7-15	Five supporters of a fallen authoritarian regime are sentenced to group therapy to help them get in touch with their feelings and find out why they were, like... so into fascism. Cuz, weird, right? Like, we got the big baddies, no worries. But what about the rest of them? Like, all those, maybe, not-so-innocent bystanders? This semi-devised dark comedy from Berlin-based theatre collective great thing going proposes the perfect, ultimate, most supreme solution: therapize them into repenting.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/how-to-feel-feelings
Theatre	I AM JOHNNY	Summerhall	18:15	1 hr	Aug 6-16, 18-23, 25-31	Boys, are you shirkin for a gherkin? Attempting openness while navigating the pressures of his troubled masculinity, Johnny finds himself off-piste in the world of spoken-word poetry. I AM JOHNNY is an unsettlingly funny, absurd and politically sharp solo performance that dives head-first into fragile power dynamics, performative masculinity and ownership of the female body. Blending surreal humour with piercing insight, this is a hilarious, raw and unforgettable interrogation of gender, class and vulnerability.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026IAMJOHN
Theatre	Isle of No'Man	Just The Wee One at Just The Tonic at The Caves	16:10	1 hr	Aug 6-17, 19-30	Heartbroken comedian George travels to the Isle of No'Man to stave off men. Before long he finds himself the pinnacle of a love triangle between a Hollywood hunk and a sexy sailor. Will he manage to mend his broken heart and be open to love again? This is a one-man rom-com, written and performed by Martin J Dixon based on his debut novel, Isle of No'Man. Part storytelling and part stand up – all told from George's perspective, Martin will take you on a journey. No Man is an island...	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/isle-of-no-man
Theatre	It Couldn't Get Worse; or, The Margarita Boat Tour Incident	theSpace @ Venue 45	19:35	50 mins	Aug 24-29	Maggie is lost at sea after the Margarita Boat Tour Incident. Who even knew Edinburgh had one of those? As a storm closes in, her mother Judy and her fiancée Claire find themselves locked inside a lighthouse with only each other's opposing ideologies. Forced into an uneasy alliance, the pair desperately search for the person who ties it all together. It couldn't get worse. Probably.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026ITCOULD
Theatre	It's A Struggle Coming Out	theSpace @ Niddry St	18:05	55 mins	Aug 8-13	When four Evangelical teens plan to convert citizens for their debutante ball, a closeted goth teen falls for a vampire, igniting a campy crusade of repression, romance and religious hysteria – forcing her to choose between her church, friends and thirst for authenticity. Written and performed by students at USC and fresh off a sold-out run in Los Angeles, It's A Struggle Coming Out makes its international debut!	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/its-a-struggle-coming-out
Theatre	January 6th the Musical	Studio at theSpaceTriplex	17:05	50 mins	Aug 7-15, 17-29	When violent insurrectionists stormed the United States Capitol on 6th January 2021, they ruined a birthday forever. Kiely and Jessie are best friends who share the same birthday and the same big dreams of theatrical stardom. On the fateful day of the insurrection, their birthday goes from bad to worse when allegations emerge of their involvement in the attempted coup. Faced with their special day going down in infamy and spending the rest of their lives in prison, can Kiely and Jessie sing and dance their way to innocence?	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/january-6th-the-musical
Theatre	Jessies	theSpace @ Surgeons' Hall	19:15	1 hr 10 mins	Aug 7-15	Winner of the Creative Arts Award at the Proud Scotland Awards 2025, this powerful new play follows three unforgettable drag queens – The Jessies – and the staff of the infamous Jessie's Bar in Scotland. Spanning from 1980 to 1995, the story dives into the highs and lows of queer life during a time of upheaval, hope and hard-won joy. Set against the backdrop of a changing world, this hilarious and deeply moving play is a celebration of resilience, love and the enduring power of community.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026JESSIES
Theatre	JUDAS EXCLUSIVE	Studio at ZOO Southside	19:10	55 mins	Aug 7-30	Mere days after the death of Jesus Christ and hell-bent on clearing his name, Judas Iscariot makes his first public appearance on Simons Tonight, an ailing late-night talk show. But 33 AD Judea is a volatile place, and it's not just Judas and Simona whose reputations are on the line, but the broadcast TV industry's. Exploring themes of celebrity, betrayal and redemption, Judas Exclusive is a psychedelic channel-changing odyssey across 33 AD Judea through the dying lens of broadcast TV.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/judas-exclusive
Theatre	KINDER	Underbelly, Cowgate	14:00	1 hr	Aug 5-17, 19-24, 26-30	Winner, Best LGBTQIA+ Edinburgh Fringe Award (List). An unexpected call from a library derails a performance planned by newly arrived drag artist Goody Prostate, booked to headline the local reading hour. But as they race against the clock to scramble together a new act in real time, they spiral into a chaotic interrogation of childhood, memory and a long overdue examination of what it means to grow up. The library is open – sit down, be quiet and listen. Because sometimes, reading is what? Fundamentalist. ***** (List, BingeFringe.com, TheatreWeekly.com, AYounghshPerspective.co.uk, WhatsTheShow.com.au, SeeDoEatReview.com).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026KINDER
Theatre	Kismet (Ghesmat) by Shaparak Khorsandi (WIP)	Summerhall	19:20	1 hr	Aug 6-16	Work in progress of a new play, written and performed by Shaparak Khorsandi, based on true life experiences of her Iranian family, scattered around the globe after the 1979 Iranian Revolution. Featuring original live music by Jean Delkhasi, aka Smiling Beth. Can two sisters from different generations hold the same inheritance without collapsing into resentment, fantasy or ideology?	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026KISMETB
Theatre	Last Laugh	ZOO Playground	21:00	50 mins	Aug 7-17, 19-24, 26-30	This black box is now a bunker. With global apocalypse at the door, Alice and Bee present their contribution to mankind: one last improv show before the world ends. The two best friends-turned-unlikely humanitarians race against time in their desperate attempt to make you laugh. Just ignore the sirens. In the face of intergalactic doom, Last Laugh is a zealous eulogy to live performance. Thankfully, crusaders Alice and Bee have the toolkit to go out with a bang: monologues, trashcan lids, homoeroticism, puppets and – dare they say it – hope.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026LASTLAU

Theatre	Last Orders	Bedlam Theatre	12:30	1 hr	Aug 7-16, 18	John and Jeremy own a bar. Once their father's, it now belongs to these two hunks of meat: the manliest men in town. With the help of a waitress, this team of three run the bar on lip-syncing, line-dancing and 7am pints. That is, until a name from the past shows up in town after years. Now, the truth about why he left is about to come out... Join an all-female cast in a geographically ambiguous US town in the 80's, as they charm you with their impressive facial hair and ability to down a pint of Budweiser.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026LASTORD
Theatre	Lavender	Paradise in The Vault	11:20	55 mins	Aug 25-29	Summer 1916. Following a shrapnel injury to his shoulder, WWI Captain Edward Beaumont returns home to his devoted fiancée's estate. Yet the peaceful convalescence he longs for is unsettled not only by the disturbing effects of shellshock, but also a new presence on the estate – one that awakens forbidden emotions he thought he buried in the trenches. Over a series of encounters, he grows close with new farmhand, Sam, and battles the boundary between duty and desire. Exploring war trauma and queer romance, Lavender is a must-see for history enthusiasts and fans of original queer media.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026LAVENDF
Theatre	Linus Karp Was Hit With An Umbrella	Underbelly, Bristo Square	20:20	1 hr	Aug 5-17, 19-30	Just before Fringe 2024, Linus Karp (Diana: The Untold and Untrue Story, Gwyneth Goes Skiing, The Fit Prince) was the victim of a homophobic attack. The case never went to trial... Until now. Linus Karp was hit with an umbrella. The attacker shouted that he would've killed him. The show retells the events and the aftermath – the police investigation, the public response, performing at Edinburgh Fringe days after and the heroic acts of Joseph Martin, and then dramatises the trial that never came to be... It's also funny.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026LUNUSKA
Theatre	Lipstick	theSpace @ Surgeons' Hall	16:20	40 mins	Aug 7-12	A post-apocalyptic tale of beauty, misogyny and bisexual baggage. Amidst societal collapse, Mila and Sam find comfort in their close friendship and budding attraction. It seems possible that the end of the old world could be the beginning of something better. All that changes when a strange man arrives. Joe is desperate for Mila's companionship, and in exchange he can give her an artefact of her former life: a lipstick. As tensions among the three rise, Mila finds herself caught between Sam's hopes of a better future and Joe's offer of the safety of male approval.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026LIPSTIC
Theatre	Louise: The Last Dance	Greenside @ George Street	16:20	50 mins	Aug 7-15, 17-22, 24-29	Paris, 1928. A bent and squinting old woman in rags shuffles out of a caravan in a slum market. This is Louise Weber: the woman who invented the cancan, seduced princes and made the Moulin Rouge famous. Toulouse-Lautrec painted her. Journalists destroyed her. Nobody let her speak. Until now. A solo multidisciplinary performance with live dance, projection and theatre, Louise: The Last Dance reclaims the story of the most famous woman you've never heard of. Loud, queer, working class and unforgettable. She was leered at her entire life. This time, she gets to talk back.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026LOUISET
Theatre	Lucy Best: Unbelievable	Snug at Paradise in Augustines	17:40	55 mins	Aug 8-14, 17-21, 24-30	Most people have an unbelievable, fantastical story from their life; the kind that makes others question if that really, truly, happened. Thanks to an unconventional life, Lucy Best has collected more than most. In this one-woman storytelling show, Lucy unpacks a treasure trove of hard to believe but true tales. Do you know anyone else who held a baby dolphin as it died? Or was expelled from boarding school? Did you know bisexuals are actually real? Pocket rocket Lucy Best will share (mostly) hilarious true tales about these things and more!	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/lucy-best-unbelievable
Theatre	MANIFEST: The Drag Boyband Musical	Pleasance Courtyard	16:00	1 hr	Aug 5-11, 13-16, 18-25, 27-31	Ash (the bad boy), Ewan (the romantic boy), Cody (the sporty boy) and Ruben (the... other boy) are kicking off their second tour as the biggest boyband in the world, MANIFEST. There's just one catch: they're played by women. Their teenage fangirls are maturing and the threat of female empowerment and independence looms. With constant pressure from management, and an overwhelming sense of duty to their screaming groupies, MANIFEST fights from collapsing as the demand for perfection reaches impossible heights. A riotous drag musical that exposes toxic masculinity and its effect on boybands and fangirls.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026MANIFEST
Theatre	Midsummer!	Assembly Rooms	12:30	1 hr 30 mins	Aug 6-11, 13-19	Twenty-six characters. Nine actors. One unforgettable dream. Step into a bold new vision of A Midsummer Night's Dream adapted by Tony Award winner Jeffrey Whitty (Avenue Q). Fresh, fast and fiercely funny, experience the UK premiere of this iconic Play On Shakespeare modern verse translation directed by Drama Desk nominee Kim Weld. Brought to life by a cast and team of Carnegie Mellon University School of Drama artists, this is not your mother's midsummer. Bursting with magic, mischief and queer transformative joy, don't miss the next generation of Broadway in the making.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026MIDSUMO
Theatre	Miss Thing	theSpace @ Surgeons' Hall	10:35, 19:45	50 mins	Aug 24-29	The village of Acklesford is holding their annual charity beauty pageant – and you're invited! While all eyes are on the stage, the real drama is happening behind the scenes in the storage-cupboard-turned-dressing-room. Will reigning champion Carmen hold on to her crown after the death of her mother? Or will newcomer Felicity finally shake things up? And does anybody know when they're going to fix the village hall roof?	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026MISSTHI
Theatre	Mistakes Were Made: Shiver Me Timbers!	theSpace @ Surgeons' Hall	17:45	50 mins	Aug 7-15	Three heroes. One dungeon. No dragons. They're back, and this time they're on a boat! Bottoms Up Theatre returns with Mistakes Were Made: Shiver Me Timbers! When the crew's treasure hunt takes an unexpected turn, it'll take all their daring to set sail... and to survive your dice rolls. You shape the action from the comfort of your seat in this exhilarating and hilarious show! This is Mistakes Were Made's third outing at the Edinburgh Fringe and we're back once again at Surgeon's Hall. Will this magical tabletop improv show sell out yet again?!	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026MISTAKE
Theatre	Mortal Sin	Wee Room at Gilded Balloon Teviot	12:20	1 hr	Aug 5-9, 11-16, 18-23, 25-31	JFK'S been shot and Colm and Peggy want a day off school. Sure, they got one when the Pope died? Follow two best friends as they stage a protest to honour the slain U.S president. A bold, heartfelt and hilarious exploration of growing up different in an Ireland where the church controls everything from the classroom to confession. Mortal Sin is ultimately a celebration of friendship; a small but defiant stand against the shame that shaped a generation. Colm and Peggy stick it to the man... well, Sister Assumpta anyway! ****1/2 (TheReviewsHub.com). **** (TheArtsReview.com).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/mortal-sin
Theatre	Most of My Moms Are Gay	Sprout Studio at Greenside @ George Street	18:25	50 mins	Aug 7-15, 17-22, 24-29	Abby is the daughter of five mothers (mostly lesbians). Turkey-basted into existence, her immaculate-conception-adjacent origin story has always defined her. But when your conception is iconic, you become the mystery. Cue: identity crisis. There's gay divorce, coming out as straight, OCD, Jewishness and Germans who fetishize it, and career heartache. And instead of going to therapy, Abby wrote this musical.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/most-of-my-moms-are-gay
Theatre	Moth and Dog Are Dying to Get Out	Pleasance Dome	13:20	1 hr	Aug 5-14, 16, 18-24, 26-31	'Do you feel that? That tingle. Just before we touch.' Moth and Dog are stuck inside. Inside is the place they have always / only known each other. Inside is the place they have grown. The place they have laughed, cried and hidden themselves. Until now. An inventive two-hander that blends searing dialogue, physical theatre, techno soundscapes and fragmented, time-jumping storytelling to explore queer desire, masculinity, and navigating both intimacy and early adulthood during times of crisis. Officially selected for the National Student Drama Festival 2026 at Curve Theatre Leicester. Come see.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026MOTHAND
Theatre	Mother, Maiden and Crone	Bedlam Theatre	21:30	1 hr	Aug 7-9, 11-16, 18-23, 25-30	By the receding of my gums... Something wicked this way comes. A comedic and farcical retelling of Macbeth from the witches perspective... If the witches were a bimbo shot boy, a klepto DJ and a drag queen. Set on an imaginary strip in Edinburgh, colleagues of Club Limbo, Mother, Maiden and Crone, are confronted with McBride and her heinous hen party who are soon to find out the dos and don'ts of queer spaces.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026MOTHERM
Theatre	My Grandpa Doesn't Follow Me On Instagram	Underbelly, Cowgate	20:25	1 hr	Aug 5-17, 19-30	They drove from Cornwall to the Scottish Highlands: one grandparent, one grandchild, one unspoken truth. Multi award-winning Aussie storyteller Yoz Mensch returns with her (spoiler) autobiographical one-woman (spoiler) show: a vivid pilgrimage through familial grief to queer joy (promise). Drawn from hundreds of Instagram stories posted during the trip, Yoz revisits what they shared with their grandpa, and secrets they didn't. Unravelling what it means to hide yourself from people you love. 'Incredible' **** (TheUpsideNews.com). 'Gorgeous' **** (List). 'Hilarious' ****% (GlamAdelaide.com.au). Winner: Adelaide Fringe Tour Ready Award. Winner: Best Comedy Prague Fringe 2024.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026MYGRAND

Theatre	Naked SARA!	Greenside @ George Street	20:40	1 hr	Aug 24-29	There are lots of different Sara(h)s in the world. Some Saras are naked... Other Sarahs are clothed... Keep this in mind, and you'll spot the difference a mile away! This Sara has a lot she wants to talk about, and I'll bet \$7,000 you like what she has to say. There will be lots of sexy talk, so I'll say this once – no prudes! And maybe leave the children with the nanny (you still have those here, right?). Topics include: sex, gay, autism, religion, family. Or, as I always say: SGARF! (Warning: no nudity.)	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on2026NAKEDSA
Theatre	Never Let Go: An Unauthorised Retelling of James Cameron's Titanic	Underbelly, Cowgate	20:00	1 hr	Aug 18, 21, 25, 28, 30	'A feat of ingenuity' (New York Times) Mr. Kinnan returns to Edinburgh due to popular demand! When he isn't performing The Silence of the Lambs, catch his sensational one-man retelling of Titanic. He recreates the beloved tragic 1997 blockbuster melodrama in one affectionately uproarious hour. He plays all of the roles. Yes, all of them. Extremely limited performances. Rose! Jack! Rose!	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on2026NEVERLE
Theatre	Night Falls on Burma	C ARTS C venues C aurora	14:00	45 mins	Aug 17-22	Thrown together in one of the most horrific battles in human history, three very different young soldiers must bond to ensure the success of the military machine they are part of. If their bonds become closer than expected, is this a weakness or a strength? When many of the freedoms we take for granted are under threat, Night Falls on Burma tells the stories of people whose sacrifices to win them are seldom celebrated in the "official" histories. Writer Paul Stone has researched the experiences of Indian Army and queer soldiers to celebrate our shared history.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on2026NIGHTFA
Theatre	Nude Parade (WIP)	Summerhall	22:40	1 hr	Aug 19-24	Roll up your sleeves, and go under the knife as we enter into an anaesthetic world turned upside down. Like a live theatre version of the game of Operation – but make it trans. A work-in-progress by Edinburgh Comedy Award nominee, S.E. Grummett, combining live-feed video, interactive surgery and trash puppets. From the creators of SLUGS 'Brilliantly smart and beautifully stupid' **** (Guardian), Creepy Boys **** (ToDoList.org.uk) and Something in the Water (Winner of Best Theatre award at Adelaide Fringe), comes a glittery and gory dissection of bodies, queerness and identity.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on2026NUDEPAR
Theatre	Other People	Greenside @ Riddles Court	22:00	50 mins	Aug 7-15	Other People is a dark comedy that follows a group of three final year uni students whose birthday trip is upended by the unexpected arrival of a former friend who recently wrote a negative review of one of their productions. As inhibitions lower and tensions rise, the boundaries between player and played begin to blur. Exploring themes of identity, ambition and desire, Other People examines the ways in which we all perform – on or off stage – and asks whether hell is something we create together.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on2026OTHERPE
Theatre	Our Martin in the Background	Scottish Storytelling Centre	16:30	1 hr	Aug 26-30	England, 1945. The lives of two strangers are changed forever by a chance meeting at a railway station. But this isn't Brief Encounter... We're all extras in the lives of others, but the stars of our own. What happens when you pan the camera away from the leading players? Mark Kydd's solo show turns the spotlight onto a supporting artist with his own surprising tale of first, forbidden love. Our Martin in the Background is the queer love story Noël Coward didn't write. **** (Scotsman). **** (QueerGuru.com).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on2026OURMART
Theatre	Padlocked!	theSpaceTriplex	22:05, 22:35	55 mins	Aug 7-15, 17-22, 24-29	Guy prepares himself for a bondage session with his Grindr hook-up, the alluring but elusive Fabio. Once the chains are on, there's no escape – certainly not from Guy's problems. As the minutes tick by, Guy must face a reckoning with all the responsibilities of his life. It's Pillion without motorbikes, Gerald's Game without Gerald, Locke with locks! Revealing, exposing comedy drama. Sex positive, life negative. Definitely adults only.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on2026PADLOCK
Theatre	Parkies	theSpace @ Surgeons' Hall	11:45	45 mins	Aug 7-15, 17-22, 24-29	Porn star wannabe, retired accountant, Croatian student on a gap year, Christian proselytizer and a drag queen in training. We all live and work together in a remote corner of one of America's most beautiful national parks. Parkies is a train wreck of humour, mischief and intrigue. Come take a look at what happens when this land of misfit toys collides with greedy corporate America and the National Park Service.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on2026PARKIES
Theatre	Pimm's Without the Cucumber	Paradise in The Vault	14:20, 20:45	1 hr	Aug 7-15	What is masculinity from a gay perspective? A one-man comedy about a mixed race gay guy, masculinity and breakups. Jordan, and his much smarter 'professor' alter ego, has just broken up with his first boyfriend, and has dreams of entering his healing era. From nights out, to hook-ups, to joining a football team, Pimm's Without the Cucumber tells the all too familiar story of the lasting effect someone can have, highlighting every queer boy's experience of unexpected relationships and learning to accept who they are.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on2026PIMMSWI
Theatre	Play Dead	Underbelly, Cowgate	15:40	1 hr	Aug 5-17, 19-30	Echo has a broken heart. A gutted-from-the-inside, cut-off-your-toes broken heart. Help is just a phone call away, but he opts for a classical (feral) form of revenge. This queer, unruly adaptation of Ovid features a dog crate, two microphones and seventeen grapefruits: 'A powerhouse performance' (TheatreWeekly.com). 'A truly haunting and exciting hour of theatre' (NorthWestEnd.co.uk).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on2026PLAYDEA
Theatre	QFWFQ	Summerhall	11:40	1 hr	Aug 6-16, 18-23, 25-31	You are reading about QFWFQ, winner of Best Solo Show at the 2025 Hollywood Fringe. A surrealist labyrinth that stretches time and space. Inspired by Italo Calvino's If On a Winter's Night a Traveller, this razor-sharp, absurdly funny and deeply personal show breaks all genres and has no fourth wall. Join trans artist Gregory Nussen as they rummage through the power and peril of storytelling, growing up Jewish and queer, grappling with geopolitics, and art that saves your life. QFWFQ neither begins, nor ends. How does it come together? I can't explain, but it does. Directed by Hannah Pilkes.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on2026QFWFQ
Theatre	Remember, Remember!	Pleasance Dome	17:15	1 hr	Aug 5-16, 18-23, 25-30	Gather around the bonfire, girtles. You think you know the story of the Gunpowder Plot? You don't! Get ready for an incredibly misinformed, inaccurate retelling of one of Britain's most infamous tales of treason. Expect hilarious songs, forbidden love and explosive action in this ridiculously camp new musical by WIT? – four razor-sharp actor-writers from Fringe-favourite comedy show, NewsRevue. 'If Operation Mincemeat and SIX had a child' ***** (FairPoweredProductions.com). Winner of the Glitch Award at the Lambeth Fringe 2025 and the Pleasance's Charlie Hartill Fund 2026.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on2026REMEMBE
Theatre	Right before I go.	Pleasance Dome	15:35	1 hr	Aug 5-11, 13-16, 18-23, 25-31	From Stan Zimmerman (writer of Golden Girls and Gilmore Girls), Right before I go. highlights the raw struggles of people that have died by suicide. The play uses real suicide notes of celebrities, veterans, bullied teens, those identifying as LGBTQ+, people who have experienced a range of mental health calamities – as well as those who have survived attempts. The show is followed by a conversation between cast and audience. Featuring a rotating cast of all-stars, including Wendie Malick (Shrinking), Emily Kuroda (Gilmore Girls), and more (subject to change).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on2026RIGHTBE
Theatre	Sad Bride	Pleasance Courtyard	14:45	1 hr	Aug 5-17, 19-31	Bride Thompson has always known that as soon as she finds the man of her dreams, walks down the aisle and marries him, everything else will fall into place. But now that she's engaged, why can't she leave her weirdness behind? What exactly is she doing with three anonymous Instagram accounts? And why can't she come out of her cupboard? Sad Bride is a queer dark comedy solo show by Charlotte Merriam about compulsory heterosexuality, the wedding industrial complex, and what happens when you meet the 'one' but are still an online troll under a bridge.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on2026SADBRID
Theatre	Safety	Underbelly, Bristo Square	11:45	1 hr	Aug 5, 8-17, 19-24, 26-30	When psychotherapist Adam reconnects with a former patient outside his consulting room, he only wants to help. But slowly, something between them begins to shift. Is everything as it seems? A new play about power, obsession and the stories we tell to keep ourselves safe. Written and performed by Michael Reid. Directed by Chloe Champken ('Crafting raw and unfiltered theater' BroadwayWorld.com). Finalist, VCA Playwriting Award 2026.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on2026SAFETY

Theatre	Sanctuary	Pleasance Dome	16:00	1 hr	Aug 5-16, 18-31	Sanctuary, the debut play from Jacob Sparrow, is the winner of the inaugural Leeds Prize, a new playwriting competition. This beautiful, evocative play is about the AIDS epidemic in the 90s and is set in Suffolk. It is about loneliness and the legacy of shame, but also the contours of hope and the right to live. It is about the lack of blueprint queer people get for themselves and the mistakes they make in having to forge their own heritage. Sanctuary is about safety and where we allow ourselves to feel safe.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026SANCTUA
Theatre	Saving Britney	Underbelly, George Square	18:15	1 hr	Aug 5-16, 18-23, 25-30	Millennials like Jean grew up with Britney Spears. Over the course of an hour see how the princess of pop influenced Jean's life and how the connections shared between them lead to an unbelievable moment of self-discovery. Inspired by the #FreeBritney movement, the 2022 WhatsOnStage Award-nominated hit off-Broadway production is back to take an hilarious and heart-breaking look at celebrity obsession, sexuality and growing up in the early noughties: featuring more nostalgia than you can shake a Tamagochi at! 'Roushbaiani delivers a true masterclass' ***** (BroadwayBaby.com).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026SAVINGB
Theatre	Searching for Robert Hennessey	Greenside @ George Street	11:40	55 mins	Aug 7-15, 17-22, 24-29	A little boy answers every doorbell hoping it's his daddy. Decades later, after surviving sexual abuse, cult indoctrination and a terminal AIDS diagnosis, that boy – now a man – still hasn't stopped searching. Armed with a name his teenage mother gave him and unwavering determination, Michael calls every Robert Hennessey he can find, chases DNA matches, tries Beetlejuicing the guy into existence and never gives up hope. Until Father's Day 2020 brings a Facebook message shattering everything he thought he knew about his identity and his quest. Hollywood Fringe's sold-out sensation comes to Edinburgh.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026SEARCHI
Theatre	Seed	C ARTS C venues C aurora	13:50	50 mins	Aug 10-15	A lost son. A desperate father. A teenage hustler with secrets he won't share. When Bud, a sales agronomist for a big seed company, checks into an Iowa motel hunting for his boy, he finds Holler, a young hustler reeling from his boyfriend's suicide. Each thinks the other holds the key to escape. A fragile and dangerously paternal bond forms. As a spectre of his lost boy circles the motel, Bud leads Holler toward a terrifying mutation neither can outrun. A gripping, genre-blending drama that masterfully intertwines tension, horror, and poignant human connections' (Danielle Wirransky).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026SEED
Theatre	Selkie: Past, Present, Future	Scottish Storytelling Centre	18:40	1 hr	Aug 19-30	Niall Moorjani (Fringe First winner) and Alisa Dixon (***** Scotsman) present an evocative and moving exploration of what it is to be human, as they lyrically synthesise storytelling with live music and Orkadian folk song. Come for the music, stories and songs, stay for the deep exploration of trans experience in Scotland today, through three queered and reimagined selkie stories set in past, present and future.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026SELKIEP
Theatre	Shamaniac	Greenside @ George Street	16:15	1 hr	Aug 7-15, 17-22, 24-29	A spiritual traumaedy. A series of mysterious debilitating seizures and a freak elevator accident send actor Dede Lovejoy on an off-road scavenger hunt for healing. From sound baths to bean diets, this deeply personal solo-play traces one woman's unconventional recovery, as she flips the bird to western medicine and swan dives into otherworldly remedies to reintegrate body, mind and soul. A mystical post-traumatic stress fantasia featuring bad choices, safety tips, spirit guides and shamanism – with cameos by polyamory and the patriarchy. Written and performed by Dede Lovejoy (The Wire, The Blacklist, Daredevil: Born Again).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026SHAMANI
Theatre	Sissy Boy	theSpace @ Surgeons' Hall	22:40	50 mins	Aug 7-15	Sissy Boy is the story of a Bristolian teen on his way to uni and his online relationship with his femdom goddess. Through humiliation kink in his boyish teenage room, to confused feelings with the lads down at the local, Sissy Boy challenges our taboos while exploring its own, and begs the question of our own desires in a changing world. This one-hour and one-man show is a coming of age comedy that aims to push us past our own insecurities to explore the unspoken taboos in our society.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026SISSYBO
Theatre	SLAY	Gilded Balloon Teviot	15:00	1 hr	Aug 5-16, 18-31	Following a PTSD diagnosis, Kit escapes the North-East for London, until a text from her ex detonates her recovery, sending her spiralling through therapy, chaos and questionable coping fantasies. In the TikTok trauma-dump era, Kit is determined to stay the main character (because if she doesn't laugh, she'll cry and post it). As symptoms, triggers and disordered eating collide, she must confront her past or keep avoiding it. SLAY is a darkly funny North-East reckoning by Offie nominated writer-performer Lois-Amber Toole (ITV's Vera, Amazon Prime's Killers Anonymous), directed by Fringe First winner Anna Morris, produced by Gina Lyons.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026SLAY
Theatre	Slugs	Pleasance Courtyard	12:55	1 hr	Aug 5-17, 19-24, 26-30	Slime. Ooze. Mucus. Tobi feels like he is covered, head-to-toe, in slugs. Every unwanted kiss, lover and confused indignity over the years has left its oozy mark. They've always been there, but one recent romantic encounter and suddenly these slimy gastropods are taking over in a big way. From his childhood bedroom, Tobi explores fractured memories of his queer, adolescent sexual awakening (replete with a Hollyoaks Hunks calendar circa 2008) in an attempt to make peace with the slugs, in this knotty, darkly funny meditation on sex, shame and desire written by Tobias Graham and directed by George Jibson.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026SLUGS
Theatre	Spin Cycle	Underbelly, Bristo Square	14:25	1 hr	Aug 5-16, 18-31	Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind meets The L Word in this bittersweet, absurdist laundrette meet-cute. Eyes lock. Hearts thump. Palms sweat. But something is off. Secrets of the past are whispered, hidden under the thrum of the washing machines – can what's forgotten be remembered? This OffWestEnd Award-nominated five-star Irish play examines the space between loving someone and not, forgetting and remembering, dirty and clean clothes. A seriously refreshing show on queer love, whirling memory and finding the truth in it all. ***** (AYoungishPerspective.co.uk). Part of the 2026 Culture Ireland Edinburgh Showcase.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026SPINCYC
Theatre	Sublimation	Braw Venues @ Grand Lodge	17:00	55 mins	Aug 7-18, 20-30	In a world increasingly close to the brink: how far are you willing to go? Gay, divorced, unemployed merch-maker Ethan is down on his luck. After months of no work, he's ready to close up shop. When a mysterious woman places a large order, Ethan is faced with a pivotal decision – go broke with his integrity, or mass-produce a series of anonymous merchandise orders that glorify the world's most divisive politician. This raucous, incendiary battle of morality and money asks the question: would you trade your conscience for cash?	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026SUBLIMA
Theatre	Teen Spirit	theSpace @ Surgeons' Hall	22:50	45 mins	Aug 24-29	Noah is dead. He spends his afterlife in limbo, passing the time with failed 90s grunge rocker Elijah. When he starts seeing his living brother Alex, Noah finds himself torn between the worlds of the living and the dead. Finding out that his time in limbo might soon be up, he must tie up all the loose ends of both his life and after-life before he dies... again. Part coming-of-age comedy and part ghost story, Teen Spirit is a bittersweet comedy about grief, ghosts and grunge rock, complete with alternative fashion and a concert atmosphere.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026TEENSPI
Theatre	Temi Wilkey: Lover Girl	Pleasance Courtyard	14:40	1 hr	Aug 5-11, 13-18, 20-25, 27-30	Temi is a Lover Girl but, somehow, always single! After sell-out shows across the country, she thought she'd be fighting suitors off. But, no. So, she's made another one! Will you love her as much as she loves herself? Sexy, surreal and gloriously self-indulgent – Temi is back. And this one's for the lovers. Praise for Temi's 2024 hit Main Character Energy: 'The perfect send up of the one woman show' **** (Guardian). 'Of all the shows to see... this must be top of your list' ***** (Skinny). 'A five star triumph' ***** (DIVA Magazine).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026TEMIWIL
Theatre	The BBC's First Homosexual	Assembly George Square	13:00	1 hr	Aug 5-16	In 1954, the BBC made its first-ever documentary about male homosexuality. At the time, the topic was so taboo that the finished radio programme was promptly banned. It sat on the shelves for three years until a heavily edited version was broadcast in 1957. Then it was lost. All that survived was a forgotten transcript of the original recording, remarkably rediscovered after seventy years. With special agreement from the BBC, it is brought to life by award-winning writer Stephen M Hornby in a newly expanded dramatisation, directed by award-winning director Oli Hurst.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026BBCSFIR
Theatre	The Body I Left in Susquehanna National Forest	theSpace @ Niddry St	21:15	55 mins	Aug 7-15, 17-22	POV: you and hubby are fresh off the altar, driving to your Niagara Falls honeymoon, sipping on your fave bevvy. It's the middle of the night and you haven't had service for miles, but it's okay – you're drunk off the bliss of married life! Or... trying to be? Out of nowhere, your drink is in your lap, and the car is in a ditch. Shit, what (or who) did he just hit?? A dark comedy about where the mind takes us when faced with the questions we never wanted to answer.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026BODYYLE

Theatre	The Faustus Project	Belly Laugh at Underbelly, Cowgate	21:05	1 hr	Aug 17-30	An actor makes a deal with the devil. This new version of Christopher Marlowe's Doctor Faustus features a rotating cast of brave guest performers taking on the challenges of a devilish ensemble. One problem... they've never rehearsed with the rest of the cast. The Faustus Project is funny, a little dangerous and an actor's worst nightmare. With a fresh victim every night, this will be the ultimate theatrical torture. Funny, dangerous, devilish. 'Upstairs' **** (BroadwayBaby.com). 'Wonderfully silly fun' ***** (AllEdinburghTheatre.com). 'Camp, outrageous and utterly unexpected' ***** (The Student).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/the-faustus-project
Theatre	The Forever Wave	C ARTS C venues C digital	23:55	1 hr 35 mins	Aug-26	If you survive the apocalypse, don't you get to help build what comes after? The Forever Wave is an audio experience set in drowned San Francisco, circa 2070 inspired by Dylan Thomas' iconic play for voices, Under Milk Wood. Drawing on geography, climate science and local Bay Area history it offers a comprehensive look at a what-if future should climate change and economic inequality continue to fail to be addressed. An array of almost 70 voices – survivors and dead alike – are brought to vivid life by a multicultural, multi generational, and multilingual cast of 12.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026FOREVER
Theatre	The Misfortunes of a Spy and Her Mystic	Greenside @ George Street	18:20	1 hr	Aug 7-15, 17-22, 24-29	In this queer-coded modern-day witch hunt, Eve, a woman working on the fringe of the mental health system, works a strange job that blurs the line between hired advocate and spy. Eve prides herself on professionalism, but Meda, her alluringly witchy, enigmatic new client, challenges her entire sense of truth and perception. On a sexy rollercoaster of ethical grey areas and spiritual awakening, Eve finds herself in the fight of her life, questioning the concept of loyalty and who gets to judge and shape reality, all in the midst of deep deception.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026MISFORT
Theatre	The Only Man Who Won't F*ck Me	ZOO Playground	21:50	1 hr	Aug 7-16, 18-30	Kat has it all figured out: a rent-stabilized Brooklyn apartment, a clinically tight pussy and a business built on knowing what men want. She's the witchy brunette you hooked up with in college and remember. The downtown art girl you pay to look you in the eye. Until she meets Logan. Masculine. Sexy. A boxer who understands women better than other men. The problem is Logan only wants to be friends. So Kat decides if she can't have him, she'll heal him. And what's more romantic than refusing to take no for answer?	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026RANTHRO
Theatre	The Powerpop Girls: A New Diva Religion	theSpace @ Niddry St	19:05	50 mins	Aug 17-22	The play is a camp workplace comedy set in a celestial bureaucracy where pop divas are treated as religious figures. When a rogue employee accidentally merges the religions of three modern pop icons, the department must deal with the chaos of creating an entirely new faith before it spreads to Earth.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026POWERPO
Theatre	The Quiet Between	studio at C ARTS C venues C aurora	13:45	1 hr	Aug 5-9	This sharp, playful comedy follows a delightfully miswired mind as it attempts to navigate... well everything. From conversations that de-rail like running trains, to plans that mutate to entirely new plans mid sentence, The Quiet Between is a chaotic celebration of an unconventional mind. As the actors bounce off each other, sometimes in harmony and sometimes with spectacular confusion this performance is not for the faint hearted. Come and watch this fast, funny and unpredictable piece of theatre and join us on the journey of a lifetime.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/the-quiet-between
Theatre	The Song of Lip and Tarantula	PBH's Free Fringe @ CC Blooms	18:45	1 hr	Aug 8-11, 13-18, 20-30	Violence tears Lip and Tarantula's chosen family apart and the two trans women become estranged. Lip languishes in solitude, clinging to the past and her dream of making things exist by speaking. Tarantula enters cis-het society – marrying a man, getting a good job and undergoing surgery so that she can bear her own child. After a tragic "accident" leaves Tarantula dead, Lip takes Tarantula's corpse home, steals her unborn child and begins to make a Shabbat dinner she believes will bring back Tarantula and their 26 children.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026SONGOFL
Theatre	There Was A Time	Greenside @ George Street	11:25	1 hr	Aug 26-29	There Was A Time is a psychologically driven drama that unfolds inside the fractured mind of Dot, a woman haunted by a love she was never brave enough to choose. As past and present collide, Dot revisits her teenage relationship with Stacey – a first love shaped and ultimately destroyed by fear, repression and societal expectation. The play moves fluidly between humor and devastation, realism and abstraction, exploring how memory can both protect and imprison us.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026THEREWA
Theatre	This Is How I Got Arrested...	Playground 3 at ZOO Playground	19:40	1 hr	Aug 7-30	This Is How I Got Arrested (after smuggling drugs across the border but never actually getting caught with any drugs) is a tightly structured, fourth wall breaking, hilarious, one-woman dark-comedy show. Meet Sophie, a working-class youngster, who takes the phrase 'girls just wanna have fun' a bit too far! What begins as a fast-paced account of her upbringing quickly spirals into a drug-fuelled escape. Told under the pressure of a ticking timer, lies will unravel, truth will be revealed and mischief will mount into madness.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/this-is-how-i-got-arrested
Theatre	Top GRRRL Pay Him to Peg You	PBH's Free Fringe @ The Street	18:30	1 hr	Aug 9-21, 23-30	As America becomes ever more preoccupied with oppressing the T (Trans) in LGBT, crossdressing comedy storyteller CC asks: 'What's the story behind the straight men who pursue us carnally? Spill the tea!' 'CC' is the latest persona created to entertain audiences with the revolutionary, never-before-told stories of straight men who pursue the 'T'. With a background in stand-up comedy, drag queen pagantry and writing, Top GRRRL delivers a bawdy, hilarious hour with a huge heart that promises to leave you pondering the next evolution of human sexuality. Prepare to be gagged!	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026TOPGRRRL
Theatre	Trans People Are Awful	Pleasance Courtyard	15:20	1 hr	Aug 5-16, 18-23, 25-31	Transitioning's hard, finding the right parts is harder. In a garage in North-East Scotland, a young trans guy invites you to witness his genius in hunting cis men for body parts. Armed with a camera, vivid imagination and an axe he bought on Facebook marketplace, Boy is explaining his quest to complete the perfect transition. His method (killing cis men and stealing their body parts), may be unconventional but it does bypass NHS waiting times. True crime cut up with dark comedy, Trans People are Awful dissects identity, morality and the effects of extreme loneliness.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026TRANSPE
Theatre	Transmission	Summerhall	19:15	1 hr	Aug 18-19, 21-23	Freedom Party leader and founder of the Scots Mission, Big Jimmy, is here to tell you how to keep yur grannies safe and Make Scotland Cis Against! Hilarious, curious and deeply human, Transmission is a darkly comedic, tender-hearted performance by playwright and drag artist Nelly Kelly, exploring Scotland's shift from world-leading on LGBT+ rights, to fertile ground for the anti-trans movement. Blending DIY-cabaret with political theatre, male impersonation and a heap of mischief, Transmission examines how public perception of trans people is shaped – not by trans voices – but by 'single issue' campaigners, political-footballing and media distortion. MadeInScotlandShowcase.com	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026TRANSMI
Theatre	Ulysses of Scranton	Auditorium at Bedom Theatre	11:00	1 hr	Aug 7-16, 18-23, 26-29	An ensemble of actors rehearse their new production of James Joyce's Ulysses, but as they progress through the infamously "impossible to adapt" work, they find the line between text and real life starts to dissolve. A theatrical remix of Joyce's classic novel in which the voices and humour of Scranton, Pennsylvania in 2026 blend with the Dublin of the early 20th-century – the play keeps the heartbeat of the original while layering in contemporary stories to produce a fast-paced, funny and emotionally direct work. Knowledge of the original book is not essential for enjoyment!	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/ulysses-of-scranton
Theatre	Waiting For The Match (Duet Version)	Paradise in Augustines	13:10	1 hr	Aug 17-21	Adapted from Elton Lau-Ho Cheung's award-winning script at the Hong Kong Drama Awards, this one-act play begins when a matchmaking agency famed for its "100% success rate" sees two clients abruptly thrown off script. A young man, pressured by family expectations, confesses a long-hidden love for another man. A successful, controlling woman confronts the fracture beneath her perfect marriage. Drawn into a private room, they face interrogation from a mysterious voice that seems to know their secrets. Under the unblinking camera, their social masks crack. Performed in Cantonese with English surtitles.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026WAITINH
Theatre	WE ARE IAN	Beyond at Pleasance Courtyard	23:00	1 hr	Aug 14-16	Smash-hit WE ARE IAN is back. 10 years since it premiered at Pleasance, Manchester, 1989. The year everything changed from black and white into technicolour. A frenzy of drugs, beats and bucket hats. Illegal raves. Acid parties. Jumping up and down in a field and throwing two fingers to Thatcher... Do you remember? We don't. We weren't even born. But Ian was. And Ian does remember. We've got f**k all now, so we're going back to 1989. We're gonna neck a brown biscuit. We're gonna bounce around like idiots. And Ian's going to show us how.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/we-are-ian

Theatre	WENCH	Bluebell at Underbelly, George Square	22:45	1 hr 10 mins	Aug 5-16, 18-30	The year is 1645. England is gripped by whispers of witchcraft, and Martha Tallow is guilty by popular demand. From Felix Le Freak (Drag Idol UK winner) comes a darkly comic, one-wench musical about the fine art of being unacceptable. Blending cabaret, character comedy and original music, WENCH follows one slippery, scandal-prone harlot who refuses to behave. Expect glamour, mischief and razor-sharp wit as our historical heroine charms, shocks and slips through the cracks of society's expectations. They've decided her fate. She's decided otherwise.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/wench
Theatre	What Happens in the Dark	theSpace @ Niddry St	23:35	50 mins	Aug 17-22	In this laugh-out-loud, award-winning farce, the lights are "opposite" – what's dark to the characters is fully visible to you. When a burglar breaks into a married couple's home, long-buried secrets come spilling out. Over one chaotic night, they must outwit the intruder, maintain their compounding lies and somehow save their marriage, all while navigating total darkness. Packed with wild physical comedy, mistaken identities and escalating mayhem, this high-energy comedy keeps audiences laughing from start-to-finish. Winner of the StageCrafts Freeway Circuit Award and Nominee for Hollywood Fringe Best Comedy.	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026/WHATHAQ
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Theatre	What's the Craic, God?	Bothie at Gilded Balloon Patter House	13:20	1 hr	Aug 17-31	Aoife is 17, about to graduate her all girl's catholic school, desperate to escape her rural Irish town and is definitely not... gay. With a mother who avoids hard conversations, a father who prefers whiskey to parenting and a town that treats different like a dirty word, Aoife has one goal: get the P'ck to London and never look back. Leaving means losing everything she's ever known. Staying means suffocating. And God? He's really not helping. Aoife wrestles with the question that haunts her the most: if she admits the truth, what happens next?	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/what-s-the-craic-god
Theatre	Who We Become: Breakfast at the Track / A Poster of the Cosmos by Lanford Wilson	theSpace @ Surgeons' Hall	14:05	50 mins	Aug 8, 10, 12, 14, 17, 19, 21, 24, 26, 28	Award-winning, five-star production of two one-acts by a Pulitzer Prize winner. The first, a two-hander, captures a pre-dawn hotel room encounter between a couple. The second, a monologue, is set in a Manhattan police station, where a tense interrogation becomes a searching exploration of love, identity and human connection. Distinct in tone yet thematically linked, these plays trace private moments when ordinary lives are tested and reshaped. 'Tragic themes... superbly acted' (The Student Newspaper). 'Stoner gives a superb performance' (TheReviewsHub.com).	https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/2026/WHOWEBF