

Edinburgh Fringe 2015



## **Aatif Nawaz: Muslims Do It Five Times A Day**

Just The Tonic at The Caves  
7 – 29 August (not 18) @ 10.15pm

Award-winning comedian and TV presenter, **Aatif Nawaz**, brings his brand new stand-up comedy show, ***Muslims Do It Five Times A Day***, to Freestival at the Edinburgh Fringe.

A follow up to Aatif's sell-out debut show, *Talk Roti To Me*, ***Muslims Do It Five Times A Day*** explores the both contentious, and often hilarious, relationship between the 5 million UK Muslims and non-Muslims. It tackles some of the heavier issues around the Muslim world (i.e. Gaza, Syria, Iraq) while occasionally letting the audience off the hook.

The hope is the show will help to build bridges between cultures and demonstrate that the gap between Islamic comedy and mainstream comedy is...well...very narrow!

**'Sixty minutes or so zips by, as a room full of strangers is transformed by Aatif's jokes and generosity, into a room full of friends.'**  
Broadway World

**Aatif Nawaz** is an award-winning British-Pakistani filmmaker and stand-up comedian. He has quickly become one of the most popular British-Asian comics in the UK. He's performed around the world alongside the likes of **Shazia Mirza**, **Omid Djalili** amongst other comedy veterans. A trained actor, Aatif has also made appearances in several commercials and radio and television shows. He has had small roles in ***Mark Austin's Real Crime*** and ***Peep Show*** and has recently appeared on ***Stephen Fry's English Delight*** on BBC Radio 4. As a bilingual actor, Aatif has appeared in the Urdu-

language series *Lehrein* and the film *Majboor*. He also wrote, directed and starred in the Urdu television series *Bahir Waalay*.

In 2012, Aatif won an Honourable Mention Laurel at the **Los Angeles Movie Awards** for his documentary *Postcards from Lahore*. The film also holds the distinction of being the only Pakistani film to be screened at the **2013 Cannes Film Festival**.

Over the last six months Aatif has been presenting the **Islam Channel's** flagship lifestyle programme, *Living The Life*, for which he received a nomination for a **MOMO** (Music of Muslim Orientation). *Muslims Do It Five Times A Day* features some of his experiences on the show, such as encounters with organisations like Britain First, the BNP and of course...atheist fundamentalists!

### **Full listing:**

**Title:** Aatif Nawaz: Muslims Do It Five Times A Day

**Venue:** Just The Tonic at The Caves - Just Up the Road, Rowantree Bar, EH1 1LG [Venue 88]

**Web/Tel:** [www.justthetonic.com](http://www.justthetonic.com) / 0330 220 1212

**Date:** 7 – 29 August (not 18)

**Time:** 10.15pm

**Age:** 14+

**Duration:** 1 hour

**Entry:** Free (Donations)

**Press photos are available via:** <http://tinyurl.com/ps458jl>

### **Links to media coverage:**

**Broadway World:** <http://tinyurl.com/ocrpu4k>

**Entouraaj Magazine:** <http://tinyurl.com/pld58zk>

**Asiana:** <http://www.asiana.tv/entertainment/funny-boy>

**Video reviews:** <http://m.youtube.com/watch?v=PDfg6tcVQxY>

**Aatif's work on the Islam Channel:** <http://tinyurl.com/p2nlpmo>

### **Aatif's social media & biogs:**

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