

Edinburgh Fringe 2016: Comedy



Alex Kealy Is An Idea Whose Time Has Come

Underbelly Med Quad
3-29 August (not 17) @ 9.50pm

‘They’re hanging on his every word’
Broadway Baby

So You Think You’re Funny finalist and land mammal **Alex Kealy** presents his debut show.

In his debut hour, Alex covers politics (in particular grappling with sounding like David Cameron but thinking like Jeremy Corbyn), a pet love of science, parental and romantic relationships, and privilege. Oh boy, does he have a lot of privilege, but if he feels a bit guilty about it then that probably makes it all OK. Right?

A gangly comedian trapped inside the body of a gangly comedian, *The Comedy Verdict* calls Kealy a ‘decidedly intellectual’ (uh-oh!) comedian. Luckily, he’s also ‘hugely funny’ (says BroadwayBaby.com).

Rejected titles include *Kealing Me Softly* and *Touchy Kealy*.

★★★★
Three Weeks

Alex started performing in 2011, reaching the final of prestigious **So You Think You're Funny** competition in his first year. Since then he's reached the finals of the **Hobgoblin Comedy Award**, **Reading New Comedian of the Year** and **Harrogate New Comedian**, plus achieved a middling 2.1 in Modern History.

Aged 26, he's taking his debut hour of stand-up to this year's Edinburgh Fringe. 2016 is an Olympic year, so not at all worrying for audience numbers. He reserves the right to pull the run entirely if he's called up for Team GB (javelin, discus, triathlon etc.).

Alex runs **The Comedy Grotto**, a fortnightly London charity fundraising gig which has been praised by **The Sunday Times** for its 'all-star cutting-edge line-up' and by **The Independent** for its 'always well-programmed bashes'. **Time Out** calls it 'London's 2nd best free comedy club', which somehow sounds worse than just saying Top 10 or something but we'll take it.

'Had us eating out of the palm of his hand'
Suitcase Magazine

"A decidedly intellectual comic: references ranged from political theory to Greek mythology..."
The Comedy Verdict

Full Listing:

Title: Alex Kealy Is An Idea Whose Time Has Come

Venue: Underbelly Med Quad, Teviot Place, Edinburgh EH8 9AG

Tel: <http://www.underbellyedinburgh.co.uk/whats-on/alex-kealy-is-an-idea-whose-time-has-come>

Dates: August 3 - 29 (not 17)

Time: 9.50pm

Age: 18+

Duration: 1 Hour

Entry: £6 previews (3.4.5 August), £9.50 (£8.50 concessions)

For images: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/zk798nli2t4ljhd/AABU8tQXv8KsQ0R3a-KHxWG9Ha?dl=0>

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