

Edinburgh 2016: Comedy



Ben Van Der Velde: Barbarians

The White Horse, 266 Canongate
4 – 28 August (not 15) @ 5.30pm
Press Night: August 5

‘A sharp and crafty gagsmith’
Steve Bennett, Chortle

According to scientists, every Eurasian man shares about 8% of his DNA with Genghis Khan, which makes us all part barbarian. A pretty sobering thought as you play on your iPhone whilst sipping a skinny mocha-latte.

If we really want to know about ourselves, believes **Ben Van der Velde**, it's probably best to find out about great-great-great-great-granddad Genghis first and see how much we've actually evolved since then.

Big questions require big answers, and so long as you don't equate big with accurate, you're in for a treat.

‘Highly promising...an accomplished comic’
Time Out

Starting out in 2010, Ben was crowned 2011's **Comedy Café New Act of the Year**. Ben then went on to host **Just the Tonic's Big Value Comedy Showcase** at the Edinburgh Fringe 2012.

His show *Ben Van Der Velde's Chain Letter*, an attempt to rescue the beloved handwritten letter by turning himself into a human chain letter, was nominated for **Best Comedy Show at the Buxton Festival**. In 2014 his second Fringe show, *Strudel-head* also enjoyed a successful run.

Ben has worked for the likes of **The Stand, Komedia, Just the Tonic, The Backyard Comedy Club, Covent Garden Comedy Club, Frog & Bucket, Comedy Club 4 Kids, Off the Kerb** and **The Comedy Café**, as well as hosting stages for **Bestival, Festival No.6** and **Sunday Papers Live**. Ben is currently helmsman of the Chortle Award-winning **Good Ship Comedy Club** in Kilburn.

In June and July this year Ben walked the length of the London Underground network to raise funds for the **Refugee Council**.

'Wonderfully improvised riffs showcasing his impressive spontaneity and sharp tongue.'

**** Edinburgh Festivals Magazine

'Brilliantly funny and well-formed set...a likeably bold comedian.'

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Full Listing

Title: Ben Van der Velde: Barbarians

Venue: The White Horse, 266 Canongate

Tel: 0131 557 3512

Dates: 4 – 28 August (not 15)

Press Night: 5 August

Time: 5.30pm

Age: 14+

Duration: 1 hour

Entry: Free (Donations)

For images: <http://tinyurl.com/z9k7lss>

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