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SPENCER JONES is THE HERBERT in 'EGGY BAGEL'

Heroes @ Hive, The Big Cave, Edinburgh Fringe
4-28 August (not 15) @ 8.50pm

'Spencer Jones has built one of the silliest, most consuming shows of the Fringe'
Alex Hardy, The Times *****

BAFTA nominee, Sky Shorts star, double BARRY UK winner, 2015 New Act of the Year runner up, double 2016 Chortle Awards nominee, and awarded best performer and best show at the Fringe last year by fellow comedians, **Spencer Jones** returns to the Edinburgh Fringe with his latest joy-filled odyssey.

Spencer Jones is The Herbert in 'Eggy Bagel', a magical *mélange* of visual, prop, clown and homemade musical comedy that takes us on a *surreally* good journey through The Herbert's child-like world.

Against an enchanting soundscape, The Herbert, an unlikely hero dressed in white tights and a T-shirt with a photo of a budgie on it, encounters the weird, the wonderful and the downright silly in the form of an groovy milkshake, an ageing bank robber and various household implements that take on a life of their own.

Puppets, paintings, other things that begin with P (and others that don't), in the hands of The Herbert everything loses its meaning and takes on a completely different one.

'You will be laughing from the first nutty dance to the final madcap singalong'
Bruce Dessau, Evening Standard ****

A former choirboy, Spencer has juggled various jobs including street performer, DJ, wedding singer, runner and then producer for music commercials (clients included Robbie Williams, Kylie, Eminem, Nirvana). A partnership with director Jon Riche spawned **CBBC's Big Babies** (voiced by Sharon Horgan among others) which was nominated for a BAFTA and sold around the world. After Broken Biscuits, Spencer attended clown courses run by Philippe Gaulier and Doctor Brown (Phil Burgers) and, not long after, The Herbert was born...

Spencer recently appeared on **BBC Three's Live From the BBC** (his episode with James Acaster is still available on BBC iPlayer) as well as **RTE's The Al Porter Show** and is currently working on script commissions from **Sky Comedy** and **BBC Two with Cave Bear Productions**. Spencer also plays the regular role of Will Kempe in all six episodes of **Ben Elton's Upstart Crow**, currently airing on **BBC Two** and starring David Mitchell, Harry Enfield and Liza Tarbuck. His **Sky Comedy** short **Spencer Jones' Xmas**, which he wrote and starred in, was warmly reviewed and aired on Sky Arts over Christmas (as well as appearing on Sky OnDemand) and has been nominated for a **Broadcast Award for Best Scripted Online Short** with only one other Sky short. Among Spencer's other screen credits are: **Still Open All Hours** (BBC1), **Count Arthur Strong** (BBC 1 & 2), **Christopher Guest's Family Tree** (HBO, BBC 2), **Pulling** (BBC 2) and **Skins** (E4).

'He does something unique across the worlds of physical comedy and surrealism.'
Steve Bennett, Chortle, 4.5 stars

'Joyous extravaganza of prop-led bonkersness'
Emma Newlands, The List ****

'Utterly delightful'
Ben Williams, Time Out****

'This show is joyful...the spirit of Tommy Cooper and Eric Morecambe and Mr Bean'
Kate Copstick, Scotland on Sunday [star ratings not used]

Listing:

Title: SPENCER JONES IS THE HERBERT in 'Eggy Bagel'

Venue: Heroes @ Hive - The Big Cave

Website: <http://www.heroesoffringe.com/index.asp>

Tickets: [Fringe Office link]: <https://tickets.edfringe.com/whats-on/spencer-jones-presents-the-herbert-in-eggy-bagel>

Dates: 4-28 August (not 15)

Time: 8.50pm

Age: 16+

Duration: 50 minutes

Entry: PWYW [Pay What You Want]

Please note: you can also see Spencer in his 2015 hit show *Spencer Jones is The Hebert in 'Proper Job'* at the Underbelly, Belly Button between 4 - 28 August (not 15)

For images: <http://tinyurl.com/gS7wcw4>

Footage: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p02z5gjq>

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