

Joe Bor: A Room with a Jew



Laughing Horse @The Free Sisters – The Free Festival, Edinburgh 2014
July 31 – August 24 @19:30

“Joe Bor is a must see.” Alan Carr

Once described by a critic as “chatty and confident”, **Joe Bor** feels that two adjectives are just not enough to define his life. But what does define him? Being **Graham Norton**’s warm-up man is a nice description for him, but that’s still not enough to tell the whole story...

Joe’s recent victory at a competition for Jewish comedians has him further pondering his identity. The neurosis and anxiety he feels after his win might suggest his Jewish credentials are in full working order (and hey, they are handy for his profession), but is he a phoney Jew?

Joe starts to look at his life with his Jewish background in mind. He’s got the T-shirt (he’s circumcised) but he is partial to pigs-in-blankets. So it’s 1-1 on the pork score then. He was forced to sing Jewish songs by his mother, but he’s chosen Christmas over Hanukkah because the presents are better. He knows his way around a synagogue, at least enough not to bump into anything, but is more likely to be playing football on the Sabbath than observing his faith.

What’s a ‘Jew’ to do?

“Very funny, memorably charismatic.” Kate Copstick, The Scotsman

Joe Bor is the warm up for **The Graham Norton Show** and **Mock the Week**. His comedy career has seen him crowned with numerous accolades including

the winner of **Jewish Comedian of the Year**, but also **Best Value Show at Leicester Comedy Festival**, and he was a finalist for **Comedian of the Year**. Playing the prestige comedy clubs and festivals as a stand-up, Joe has also performed as part of two sketch groups and, in 2011, he wrote and directed his first play, **Who Killed the Counsellor?** In 2014, to great acclaim, he presented **Jasper Cromwell Jones**, his first character creation, at the Edinburgh Fringe. Joe will be bringing him back this year in **Jasper Cromwell Jones: This Is Not A Holiday**. Joe was named in The **Daily Telegraph's** top people to follow on Twitter and in **The Scotsman's** 21 Funniest Fringe Jokes.

Other quotes about Joe:

***"Great at comedy, dodgy with women."** Jack Whitehall*

***"For people who like their comedy funny."** Matt Lucas*

***"Natural comic ability."** Steve Bennett, Chortle*

"Warm, funny and very, very charming."** Broadway Baby, *, 2011*

"He undoubtedly draws some of the biggest crowds at the Fringe."** Three Weeks, *, 2011*

Full listing:

Title: Joe Bor – A Room With A Jew

Festival: Free Festival – www.freefestival.co.uk

Venue: The Free Sisters, 139 Cowgate Edinburgh, EH1 1JS

Tel: 0131 622 6801

Dates: July 31 – August 24

Time: 19:30

Age: 16+

Duration: 1 hour

Entry: Free [Donations]

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