



## **Sajeela Kershi: Shallow Halal**

Leicester Square Theatre, London WC2  
Friday 4 December, 2015  
Saturday 23 January, 2016

**'Smart, funny, with a mischievous glint'**  
The Times

What happens when you spend your childhood looking for religious loopholes, like licking your way through Ramadan? A complacent-yet-uneasy adulthood as an agnostic in agony - that's what!

Now that comedian Sajeela Kershi is all grown up, the identity crisis has not gone away and with column inches reserved for homogenised stereotypes, comedian Sajeela (creator of hit monologue show Immigrant Diaries), wonders if she has become a cartoon version of herself.

She's had enough of Koran-hijacking extremists, Dawkins-spouting atheists and finger pointing social media to last a lifetime! Can #hashtags really save humanity or just stoke up Armageddon?

Are you struggling to understand your place in the 21st century? Keep Calm and Carry On to this critically acclaimed show that has sold out nights from Edinburgh to Brighton.

**'the woman is simply a treasure.  
Magnetic, lovable and enormously witty.'**  
The Spectator

**Sajeela Kershi** has been performing stand-up since 2006, getting her big break as part of Brendon Burns's 2007 Edinburgh Comedy Award-winning show, *So I Suppose This Is Offensive Now?* She made her Edinburgh Fringe solo debut in 2009 and was a Hackney Empire New Act Award finalist in 2011. Her TV credits include appearances on Comedy Central and on ITV2's Comedy Cuts, meanwhile she recently appeared on **BBC Radio 4's Loose Ends**. This year Sajeela won the **Asian Women of Achievement Award** (Arts and Culture section) and received the **Brighton Argus Award for Artistic Excellence** for her multi-bill storytelling show **Immigrant Diaries**, a show that Sajeela created and curates and that has played to full houses across the UK.

Sajeela's broadcasting experience as a pundit has ranged across numerous BBC radio stations, ITV London News and an ITN Election Special. The Huffington Post named Sajeela in their Top 50 Funny Women to follow on Twitter ([@SajeelaKershi](https://twitter.com/SajeelaKershi)). You can also find her on Facebook: [facebook.com/SajeelaKershi](https://facebook.com/SajeelaKershi)

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**Recommended by:**

Kate Copstick in The Scotsman  
Londonist; Pick of the Fringe  
The List

'Interactive and ultimately rewarding show...wonderfully inclusive'

★★★★ **BroadwayBaby**

'both illuminating and funny as this born raconteur holds her audience enthralled throughout'

★★★★ **One4Review**

'This is a thought-provoking and heart-warming show about family, religion and maintaining a positive outlook'

★★★★ **ThreeWeeks**

'In the cultural potpourri of Edinburgh Fringe Festival, Kershi has a voice. And, going by the number of people attending the shows, the message is getting through'

**The Telegraph, India**

'Hugely talented, extremely funny, divine diva'

**Time Out**

***You can also see Sajeela in Immigrant Diaries on Thursday 3 December 2015 and Friday 22 January 2016***

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**Full Listing:**

**Title:** Sajeela Kershi: Shallow Halal  
**Venue:** Leicester Square Theatre (Lounge), 6 Leicester Place, London WC2H 7BX  
**Tel:** 020 7734 2222  
**Web:** [www.leicestersquaretheatre.com](http://www.leicestersquaretheatre.com)  
**Tickets:** <http://tinyurl.com/phy2pqp>  
**Date & times:** Fri 4 December, 2015 (7pm) & Sat 23 January, 2016 (9pm)  
**Age:** 16+  
**Duration:** 1 hour  
**Entry:** £7, £5 concessions