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Alex Kealy: Rationale

How stink bombs can make you right wing & other stories.

Debut UK tour from writer on BBC Radio 4's *The News Quiz* and *The Now Show* and BBC Two's *Mock The Week*
15 February – 1 April, 2020

'A storming show from the whimsical funnyman'
Stephen Armstrong, *The Sunday Times*

Political comedian and 'marvellous stand-up' (*The Skinny*), **Alex Kealy** is embarking on his debut UK tour with an hour of comedy about the emotional roots of our rational thoughts. All served with 'a reservoir of memorable gags' (*The List*).

We prize rationality in life, in argument and in politics. But that's not really how we think - we're all prejudiced, sentimental bell-ends who see politics through emotional prisms and personal connections, and then tack on a rationale for those gut decisions after the fact! ***Rationale*** reveals that, among other things, stink bombs and German classical music can, subconsciously, impact our political choices.

And who better to explore all this than Alex Kealy? A man with strong political convictions undermined in any argument by his massive cowardice and need for absolutely everyone to like him all the time, always. Fortunately, 'this is clever comedy...one of those shows where you come out feeling like you've done yourself some internal damage from laughing so much' (★★★★ *Shortcom*).

'Crafts the sort of lines people wish they'd thought of themselves...Alex Kealy is a name to watch.'

★★★★ *FringeGuru*

Alex Kealy's fabulous jokes have appeared in numerous 'Best Joke of the Fringe' collections including the **Evening Standard's**, the **iNews'** 100 of the best and last year he appeared in both **The Guardian's** Top 10 Jokes of Edinburgh 2019 and **The Daily Telegraph's** Top 10 Jokes of Edinburgh 2019. Alex was also tipped by **The Edinburgh Evening News** as one of '5 Comedians To See If You Like James Acaster.'

Among Alex's writing credits are BBC Radio 4's **The News Quiz** and **The Now Show** and BBC Two's **Mock The Week**. His live work has included supporting both **Shappi Khorsandi** and **Ivo Graham** on tour, meanwhile Alex was a **So You Think You're Funny** finalist in his first year of stand-up and since then has performed on BBC Radio Four Extra as part of the **BBC New Comedian Award**, as well as reaching the final of the Hobgoblin Comedy Award amongst other new act competitions.

Alex runs The Comedy Grotto in King's Cross, a fortnightly charity fundraiser comedy night. **Time Out** has praised its 'consistently excellent line-ups' that have 'comedy connoisseurs drooling' while **The Independent** raves about its 'always well-programmed bashes.'

'If you're interested in politics, this is a must-see at the fringe.'

★★★★ Broadway Baby

'Whip-smart wit...extremely funny.'

★★★★ BingeFringe

'A powerhouse, knocking out those perfectly expressed gags.'

Chortle

'Ferociously quick-witted...interactive ingenuity that perfectly complements his fast tempo show, without ever overshadowing his flawless script.'

★★★★ EdFringeReview

'This is intelligent, informative, funny stuff from an important voice.'

Three Weeks

'Unique brand of political comedy...doesn't just resort to the usual cheap shots, his comedy is well thought out and insightful.'

★★★★ TheatreWeekly

IMAGES: <https://tinyurl.com/qsbafos>

Tour Listing:

Title: Alex Kealy: Rationale

Age: 16+

Duration: 1 hour

Tour link: <https://www.alexkealy.com/tour-dates.html>

Dates:

15th Feb: London, Vault Festival

19th Feb: Oxford, Common Ground

23rd Feb: Edinburgh, Monkey Barrel

25th Feb: Bristol, Alma Theatre

2nd March: Brighton, Komedia (with Pierre Novellie)

3rd March: Manchester, Bread Shed

12th March: Newcastle, Alphabetti Theatre

14th March: Glasgow, The Hug and Pint

24th March: Dublin, The Workman's Club

1st April: Leeds, Hyde Park Book Club

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Audio: <https://soundcloud.com/alex-kealy/alex-kealy-2016-bbc-new-comedy-entry>

Footage from The Comedy Store: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6GPWxEc7NxY>

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