Soho Theatre 2018: Comedy



Andrew Roach Talent Presents

Laura Lexx: Trying

Soho Theatre, London 20 - 23 February @ 7.30pm

"The birth of a bouncy, bubbly stand-up star" **** The Telegraph, 2018

In 2015, a plucky reviewer opined, 'one can only hope there's some life-altering catastrophe around the corner for Laura Lexx'. Luckily for them, the comedian with 'superb material, brilliant delivery and irresistible personality', (**** TV Bomb) has since had a breakdown. Yay!

Recently, Laura has been busy filming *Live at the Apollo*, hosting BBC Radio 4 Extra's *Comedy Club*, winning the UK Comedy Award, being nominated for a third time for the Chortle Awards and receiving numerous five star reviews at the Edinburgh Fringe. However, for much of 2017 Laura was trying to get through therapy, trying the patience of everyone, and trying unsuccessfully for a baby. Rather than her usual hectic schedule of performing, Laura spent much of that summer looking for answers while in a tent in France with two small children and her mother.

Now, off the back of an acclaimed and award-winning Edinburgh Fringe run, Laura is making her Soho Theatre debut with considerably more jokes than the answers she was looking for. She's done trying; it's time to challenge stigmas and to really laugh in the face of things we've been silent about for too long.

'Real comedic steel' The Guardian

Laura Lexx is an award-winning comedian and writer. She won The Comedians' Choice Award for Best Performer in 2018, Best MC in the 2017 UK Comedy Awards and was nominated as Best Compere in the 2016, 2017 and 2018 Chortle Comedy Awards. She also reached the finals of the Amused Moose Comedy Award in 2016 and 2018, Paramount Student Comedy Award, Chortle Student Comedy Award and Funny Women Award competitions. Laura has gigged at comedy clubs and festivals all over the UK and in Europe, and has provided tour support for Jason Manford, Tim Vine and Russell Kane.

Laura's screen and radio credits include appearing on and hosting *The Comedy Club* (BBC Radio 4 Extra), *Motherhood: Bump, Birth & Beyond* (BBC Radio 4 Extra), *BBC Ouch* (BBC Two and Radio 5 live) *Sam Delaney's News Thing* (RT UK), *How Hacks Work* (Viasat Explore) and *The Jason Manford Show* (Absolute Radio). Her *Live at the Apollo* debut is due to air on the BBC in December.

In 2016, Laura's 'sexist heckler' video had over 288k views (click <u>here</u> to see it). The Daily Mail, Evening Standard, The Independent and Huffington Post UK were among those who covered the story.

As well as writing her own popular <u>blog</u>, Laura has had articles published by titles including Glamour and Standard Issue. She has also recently written a comedy drama series that has subsequently been optioned for television.

Trying is directed by Jess Fostekew. Jess has also directed Sara Pascoe and Lauren Pattinson, last year's Edinburgh Comedy Award newcomer nominee.

Reviews from 2018:

'Engaging anecdotes, laugh-out-loud one-liners and clever observational humour are woven seamlessly into the narrative.'

***** Funny Women

'A masterpiece...this is a show that will leave you with all over tingles'

***** Voice Mag

'Extremely funny' ****** Broadway Baby

'Stupendous gags...compelling viewing'

**** Fest

'A hilarious, tender and candid hour of comedy'

**** Wee Review

'A truly witty and masterfully crafted show.'

**** The Peq

'This is a very candid hour in Laura Lexx's company, it's also stomach-achingly funny.'

**** Entertainment Focus

'Dry, witty asides, mixed with a no-nonsense sense of humour, have shades of Victoria Wood throughout.'

**** Marbles Magazine

Recommended Show - British Comedy Guide

Recommended Show - Punchline

Previous reviews:

'A joy...roars of laughter' The Independent

'One of the most delightful performers you're ever likely to see' $$\sf GQ$$

'Incredibly engaging...it's difficult to see what will stop her success'
The Skinny

'A feelgood bonanza, oozing positivity...as a performer, she's cute, effervescent and super-personable' Chortle

'an uplifting comedy experience...Lexx is truly on her way to great success'

Edinburgh Festivals Magazine

'she successfully combines the comedy with real heart – a sure-fire sign of a Fringe success.'

**** TV Bomb

'a charming, personable comic with a solid set of routines and twinkling manner' The Scotsman

'an alarmingly competent stand-up; her presence and delivery is faultless"
The Skinny

'an hour's insight into her merry life wasn't enough... hilarious, kind-hearted and genuine comedy.'

**** Arts Award Voice

**** Edinburgh Festivals Magazine

**** TV Bomb

**** Short Com

**** one4review

Full Listing:

Title: Laura Lexx: Trying

Venue: Soho Theatre, 21 Dean St, Soho, London W1D 3NE **Link:** https://sohotheatre.com/shows/laura-lexx-trying/

Dates: 20 - 23 February, 2019

Time: 7.30pm Age: 16+ Duration: 1 Hour

Entry: prices range from £13 to £17

For images: https://tinyurl.com/yckl8g28

Show trailer: https://youtu.be/s4YwB6TyeUs

Website: www.lauralexx.co.uk

Twitter: @lauralexx

Facebook: facebook.com/lauralexxcomedian

Insta: lexxlaura

YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/user/LauraLexxComedy

Footage:

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BBC Ouch footage:

http://www.andrewroachtalent.com/laura-lexx/ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OibBkGb_pdA

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