

EDINBURGH FRINGE 2022: COMEDY



Alex Kealy: Winner Takes All

2 - 28 August (not 16)
The Hive @ Monkey Barrel @ 4.15pm

'A storming show from the whimsical funnyman.'
The Sunday Times

The 'rising star of the British stand-up scene' (The List) explores Silicon Valley tech monopolies, advertising and addiction through his 'perfectly expressed gags' (Chortle).

Big Tech firms have all pivoted to business models involving advertising, surveillance, addiction and monopoly, reneging on their previous idealistic visions of what the internet could achieve. **Alex Kealy** is determined to document this because it's **the** big political tussle of the 21st century and, crucially, not because he recently had a break-up and his ex works at Google.

Now, comedy's most conflict-averse satirist dares to suggest that perhaps a small clique of companies exercising the greatest level of monopoly control since the robber barons of the 1880s over the vital industries of the future is potentially slightly sub-ideal.

However, maybe there are things we can learn from these Stakhanovite Silicon Valley founders like Jeff Bezos, Peter Thiel and Elon Musk? While writing this show, like those Palo Alto Tech bros and their hustler "grindsets", Kealy has been getting up every day at 4am (California time, so about midday GMT - it's not been very taxing).

Top 10 Jokes of Edinburgh Festival 2019
The Guardian

Alex Kealy is a stand-up comedian who mixes smart political material with self-deprecation and relatable observations. In his first year of performing, he reached the final of the prestigious So You Think You're Funny competition. He has since taken four hours of stand-up to the Edinburgh Fringe, the latest being 2019's Rationale, which made *The Guardian's Top 10 Jokes of the Fringe*.

An in-demand joke writer, Alex regularly writes for shows including **Mock The Week** (BBC Two), **The News Quiz** and **The Now Show** (both BBC Radio 4), as well as Turtle Canyon Comedy's **Grave New World** ('a fresh perspective, stylised writing and high gag rate' - *Beyond The Joke*). His comedy has been listed in the top Jokes of the Edinburgh Fringe by *The Guardian*, *The Telegraph*, *The Mirror*, *The Evening Standard*, *The Independent*, *iNews*, *The Scotsman* and *The Huffington Post*. He has also been tipped by The Edinburgh Evening News as one of "5 Comedians To See If You Like James Acaster".

In radio work, Alex is a frequent guest co-host of political comedy podcast **Trashfuture** (other guests have included Rob Delaney, Owen Jones, Josie Long and Mark Watson). An increasingly in-demand club comedian, he does full weekends at The Gleees, Komedia and Monkey Barrel, in addition to sets at The Comedy Store. He's also supported Ivo Graham, Shaparak Khorsandi and Tom Rosenthal on their national tours.

'Excellent... dynamite Interstellar routine which I wish I had written!'
Mark Kermodé

'Clever comedy...internal damage from laughing so much.'
★★★★ Shortcom

'Fresh, insightful, and original...a great hour of cerebral stand-up.'
★★★★ – FringeGuru

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

'Well thought out and insightful...extremely funny...a very enjoyable hour of comedy.'
★★★★ - Theatre Weekly

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

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

'Very high on laughs. The gag-per-minute ratio for this show is impressive.'
The List

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Social media links:

<http://www.twitter.com/alexkealy>

<http://www.facebook.com/alexkealycomedian>

<http://www.instagram.com/alexkealy>

Website link: <http://www.alexkealy.com>

Footage links:

Free speech and Boris Johnson:

<https://twitter.com/alexkealy/status/1227963418923192327>

Brexit and Britain “not voting to be poorer”:

<https://twitter.com/alexkealy/status/1227250692676562946>

Listing:

Title: Alex Kealy: Winner Takes All

Venue: The Hive @ Monkey Barrel

Link: <https://tickets.edfringe.com/whats-on/alex-kealy-winner-takes-all>

Fringe Venue Number: 313

Dates: 2 - 28th August (not 16th)

Press from: 4th August

Time: 4.15pm

Age: 16+

Duration: 60 minutes

Entry: From £6

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