

Edinburgh Fringe 2024: Comedy



Ed Patrick: Catch Your Breath

The Stand Comedy Club 3
August 1-6, 8-11 @ 3.30pm

'Brilliantly funny.'
Matt Lucas

Comedian, author and anaesthetist, **Ed Patrick** (*Have I Got News For You*, *Sky's Friday Night with Niall Paterson*) re-injects the Edinburgh Fringe with a reprise of his gut-punch hilarious show about becoming a junior doctor, the NHS, the pitfalls of modern medicine and the power of questioning it.

Laughing gas has been banned, but not in the NHS, and Ed Patrick might be forgiven for feeling numb, what with chronic understaffing, junior doctors striking and many leaving the NHS. But he remains, despite a government that can burn (literally) millions of British pounds of unusable PPE but can't support the healthcare workers to look after you. "I guess plastic aprons don't strike or need a pension," says Ed.

In his role as an anaesthetist, Ed can be found almost anywhere in a hospital, from A&E dealing with emergencies to staffing intensive care units and giving epidurals to assist the joyous moments of childbirth. There's more to his job than being a drug sommelier with a bit of magic thrown in, so join Ed on his travels and find out why the rectum is like a Tardis and how – sometimes – having absolutely no medical knowledge can lead to better medical care.

Expect tales of the NHS along with stories from outside the hospital walls, and ketamine*

*there will be no ketamine in the show, maybe cocaine**

**there will be no cocaine in the show

'Had the audience in fits of laughter.'

The Scotsman, March 2023

Ed Patrick is a comedian, author and NHS anaesthetist. He has performed across the UK, including at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. Ed hosts the "Comedians' Surgery" podcast where he speaks to guests including **Joe Lycett**, **Rose Matafeo** and **Reginald D Hunter** about their health stories and experiences.

He also created and presented **Infectious Personalities** with Hat Trick Productions, broadcast on **BBC Radio 2** with guests **Charlie Brooker** and **Sindhu Vee**. Ed has written and performed on **BBC Radio 4**, for shows such as **Now Wash Your Hands** and **Newsjack** and has appeared on Channel 4's **Jokes Only** **An NHS Worker Can Tell** and on BBC Scotland. Ed made his debut on **Have I Got News For You** in April 2024 and is a regular on Sky's **Friday Night with Niall Paterson**.

Ed's book, **Catch Your Breath**, was published in 2021 by Brazen (part of Octopus Publishing Group). He has also written for the Guardian about the intersection between medicine and comedy.

'Masterful, playfully provocative writing.'

Chortle

'Side-splitting and uplifting.'

TheatreBath

'Packed with funny anecdotes.'

Guardian

'Strong and unique.'

Voicemag

'Mixes the funny with the serious to great effect...Patrick provides us with a sharp, witty insight into the life of a junior doctor.'

Three Weeks

For Catch Your Breath – the book:

'Funny, touching and gobsmacking.'

Jay Rayner

'Extremely funny.'

The Telegraph

'Laugh-out-loud.'

Daily Mail

'Entertaining, if nerve-wracking, anecdotes and emphatic political points.'

Observer

'Very funny.'

Fern Brady

'Ed's journey is funny, sad, harrowing, hilarious, tragic and many other adjectives that don't do justice to the description.'

Colin Mochrie

'I love your book Catch Your Breath. It just feels so personal and so refreshing.'

Adil Ray, Saturday Live BBC Radio 4

'Not many books have you snorting with laughter one moment and blinking away tears the next.

You have to read this book.'

Tim Harford

'A joy to read.'

Phil Hammond

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Full Listing:

Title: Ed Patrick: Catch Your Breath

Venue: The Stand Comedy Club 3

Fringe Venue Number: 12

Dates: August 1-6, 8-11 @ 3.30pm

Ticket link: <https://tickets.edfringe.com/whats-on/ed-patrick-catch-your-breath>

Age: 16+

Duration: 1 hour

Entry: From £10

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