

Edinburgh Fringe 2024: Comedy

## Alex Kitson: Must I Paint You a Picture?

Hoots Potterrow (Yurt 2), 2-25 August @ 10.55pm



**For his debut Fringe hour, award-winning comedian Alex Kitson tells you his biggest secret: the time he had to escape from a man in the woods and, worse, that he has some feelings about it.**

For his debut hour, exciting new act **Alex Kitson** brings a wild ride of a story to the Edinburgh Fringe about how to keep laughing, even through the lowest moments. **Must I Paint You a Picture?** is centred around two stories six years apart.

The first is the worst night of Kitson's life. It's 2016, the night of the Brexit vote (only part of the reason). Alex is a teenager fulfilling a Devonian politics nerd's life ambition: a trip to America to see the country where apparently anything is possible. Quickly running out of money, he is lured to the forests of the Catskills and sexually assaulted.

Six years later, having retreated back to the West Country, never telling anyone what happened that night, there's a devastating double-whammy. Dumped for being too chaotic by "the one" that he put on a pedestal, on top of some far-from-ideal career news takes Alex right back to how he felt in 2016 - the last time he had dared to hope for more. But for things to get better - you need to believe they can first. Despite how we act a lot of the time, optimism and naivety aren't synonymous. The world is way less scary when we laugh at it together - and where you can rediscover the hope you lost along the way. So, it's time for Kitson to stop hiding and tell the truth -- it's time for him to paint you a picture.

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HOST - AAA PLEASANCE SHOWCASE EDINBURGH 2022 / BATH NEW ACT OF  
THE YEAR FINALIST 2022 / CASTLE CUP WINNER 2022 / BEST JOKE WINNER  
- BATH COMEDY FESTIVAL 2021 / COMEDY BOX'S BEST ACTS IN THE WEST  
2021 / FIRST LAUGH FINALIST 2020 / NEW UK ONLINE COMEDIAN OF THE  
YEAR FINALIST 2020**

Alex Kitson is an “on the money funny” award-winning stand-up comedian, performer and writer. He has performed across the UK, written for the BBC (‘Incredible...so clever’ - BBC Radio Bristol), Channel 4 and online content with millions of views. He has been on bills alongside Russell Howard, Jon Richardson, Nish Kumar, Seann Walsh, Rosie Jones, Mark Watson, Russell Kane, Fin Taylor and Jayde Adams among many others

He reached the final of First Laugh 2020, New UK Online Comedian of the Year 2020, and the top 12 of Jason Manford’s New Act Competition in 2019. He also performed in two five-star runs at the Edinburgh Fringe with the Bristol Reunions (‘The entire ensemble is hilarious. Properly, effortlessly, hilarious’ - EdFringe Review). He founded and was resident MC of several of Bristol’s best comedy nights including This Next Act and White Bear Comedy Club.

After the pandemic, he took an hour of stand-up around the country to critical acclaim in London, Southampton, Brighton, Exeter, Bath and Bristol. Culminating in a sell-out show in Bristol and winning the Bath Comedy Festival Award for Best Joke 2021. In 2022 he was a Finalist in Bath New Act of the Year, went full-time doing comedy, was selected to host the prestigious 2022 AAA Showcase in the Pleasance Courtyard during the Edinburgh Fringe and began regularly headlining gigs in the West Country. This year, he moved to London and his debut WIP show was nominated for the Best of Brighton Fringe Comedy Award, sold out the Bill Murray in London and enjoyed a successful run at the Edinburgh Fringe. He is planning to debut his first full hour of stand-up at Edinburgh in 2024. Alex has been tour support for Tom Houghton, Tom Ward and Vittorio Angelone.

**‘A natural performer.’** Epigram

**‘The Best of Bristol’s rising comics.’** Bristol [24/7](#)

**‘Bristol Comedy Legend.’** The Kettle

**‘Born to be on stage with his charismatic, energetic charm... he is a truly funny new comedian and one not to miss.’** Boardmasters Festival

**‘A master of his craft.’** Capers Comedy Club

**‘Alex Kitson is not only very likeable from the moment he steps on stage but has some great observational comedy material which he delivers with supreme confidence, he is a natural and will go a long way in the comedy business. One to watch!’** Mirth Control

**‘A knack for making you burst into laughter... [a] comedic sensation.’** Big Belly Comedy Club

**‘Brilliantly funny.’** Sofa SoFunny

**Social media links:**

**Instagram:** @alexkitson0

**Facebook:** Alex Kitson

**Twitter/X:** @AlexKison0

**Linktree:** <https://linktr.ee/AlexKitson>

**Footage links:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tbzHUfMCToY>

**Full Listing:**

**Title:** Alex Kitson: Must I Paint You a Picture?

**Venue:** Hoots Potterrow (Yurt 2)

**Ticket link:** <https://tickets.edfringe.com/whats-on/alex-kitson-must-i-paint-you-a-picture>

**Fringe Venue Number:** 243

**Dates & time:** 2-25 August @ 10.55pm

**Press from:** August 2nd

**Age:** 18+

**Entry:** From £6

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