

Nominee Leicester Comedy Festival Best Show and Comedian's Choice Best Show

9 x 4-star reviews and a British Comedy Guide Recommendation for EdFringe 2024

Director of comedy specials including James Acaster's 'Hecklers Welcome'

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Stuart Laws Has To Be Joking?



New national tour, Spring 2025

'Laws uses his unique comic mind to keep us laughing, and we might not even realise until afterwards what a profound and sophisticated show he's created.'

★★★★.5 Chortle

After an acclaimed sell-out run at the Edinburgh Fringe run that received **9 x 4-star reviews** and a **British Comedy Guide Recommendation**, performer, writer-director and comedy polymath **Stuart Laws** (nominee Leicester Comedy Festival Best Show, Comedian Choice Best Show) takes his most personal show yet on a national tour.

Often behind the revelations of others (as director of specials for, among others, James Acaster, Sindhu Vee, Nish Kumar and Rosie Jones), in ***Stuart Laws Has To Be Joking?*** Stuart talks about receiving a diagnosis of autism. Taking us on a revelatory and hilarious journey, Stuart examines how his relationships play out, effectively taking his audience on a date, and catches up on the fact that he didn't know who he was for almost 40 years. Happily, Stuart now has a chance to not only connect with himself properly but be what he can be for someone else.

Stuart Laws Has To Be Joking? also features big pigs, out of place horses, a comparison between British and American toilets, and why Colombian conveniences are a different ball game altogether.

'Laws is one of the most skilled and likeable comics on the circuit ... a deliciously joke-dense show.'

★★★★ The Scotsman

Stuart Laws performs sketch comedy and stand-up comedy. He supported James Acaster on his UK tours and has appeared on and written for Radio 4, has two specials on NextUp Comedy, one on American label 800 Pound Gorilla Media, and has written a play *The Journey*, that debuted at The Edinburgh Fringe at The Pleasance in 2018. In 2021, he was nominated for Leicester Comedy Festival Best Show and in 2022 he was nominated for Comedians Choice Best Show. In 2023, his Fringe show was awarded 4.5 stars by Chortle. Stuart runs his own production company, Turtle Canyon Comedy, and writes and directs sketch shows, sitcoms, live shows and specials that have been shown on Netflix, Prime, BBC, Sky, ITV, Channel 4 and more. Stuart has directed Sindhu Vee, Nish Kumar, Rosie Jones, Suzi Ruffell, Paul Foot, Ivo Graham, Jess Fostekew, Jen Brister and Ian Smith's specials.

Stuart had a breakout year at Edinburgh Fringe 2024 for review with 9 x 4-star reviews and a British Comedy Guide Recommendation. Stuart was featured in The Scotsman, The Guardian, the I newspaper, 5 live and in the Times and the Telegraph best jokes of the Fringe selections.

Stuart's most recent directing project is James Acaster's 'Hecklers Welcome', Acaster's first HBO Special.

Stuart's special 'Stuart Laws? Is That Guy Still Going?' will be released in early February 2025 via 800 Pound Gorilla's on demand service.

Meanwhile, Stuart will host The Comedians Beer Mat Flipping Championship with Sikisa on Friday 31st January at Pleasance London.

'A tremendous writer and performer...a real insight in to how one neurodivergent mind works. The genius of Stuart Laws is that, through laughter, we get it.'

★★★★ On The Mic

'A very engaging and likeable performer.'

★★★★ The Real Chrisparkle

'Echoes the late, great Sean Lock.'

★★★★ Beyond the Joke

'A talented comedian crafting a solid hour of clever, silly, thoughtful and surreal comedy from feelings of social alienation?'

★★★★ The Mumble

'Every line is punchy and clever and packed full of jokes, successful call-backs, and anecdotes.'

★★★★ EdFringeReview

'A really lovely hour of stand up.'

★★★★ Phoenix Remix

★★★★ BroadwayWorld

★★★★ Mervyn Stutter's Pick of the Fringe

British Comedy Guide – Recommended

‘You'll struggle to find a comedian with a better jokes per minute rate... like a one man episode of Arrested Development.’

★★★★ Fest

“He is a joke machine and his last show was so exciting, and this is the show everyone will be talking about at the Edinburgh Fringe.”

Kiri Pritchard-McLean BBC Radio Wales

Social media links via: <https://linktr.ee/stuartlawscomey>

Website link: www.stuartlaws.com

Clips: <https://www.youtube.com/@stuartlawscomey>

Listing:

Title: Stuart Laws Has To Be Joking?

Age: 16+ (Guideline)

Duration: 1 hour

Tour runs 8th March - 23rd May, 2025 and stops at: Norwich, Leeds, Manchester, Sheffield, Birmingham, Oxford, Brighton, Glasgow, Newcastle, Edinburgh, Knaresborough, Southampton, Bristol, Cardiff.

Link to all dates: <https://linktr.ee/stuartlawscomey>

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