

Edinburgh Fringe 2025: Comedy

## **Alfie Packham: My Apologies to the Chef**



Underbelly Dexter

July 31 - August 24 @ 7:15pm

**'Thought-provoking and hilarious.'**

★★★★ West End Best Friend

There was a room in Alfie's high school called Room 5. It was a place for the weak and the nerdy. It was Alfie's safe haven. That is, until he noticed that Room 5 was being used around the school as a kind of slur. As in, "he's a bit Room 5, isn't he?" Alfie never returned to Room 5 after that. But in other ways, he never left.

Alfie's second Edinburgh fringe show, *My Apologies to the Chef*, is a standup show about belonging. It's about that feeling you get when you arrive at the pub and your friends say "here he is!" It's about trying to think of what to say during a phone call to your grieving dad. It's about playing a basketball game with strangers. The show is by turns cerebral and silly. And it asks the question, can you choose where you belong?

It also features artists, nerds, retail workers, burglars, fruit farmers, friends, family and enemies. It's not about chefs.

**'Effortless... a joy to sit through.'**

★★★★ ThreeWeeks

Alfie Packham is a standup and writer based in London, where he has worked as a journalist for nine years. He was brought up in the rural West Midlands.

He is a BBC New Comedy Award 2024 semi-finalist and Max Turner Comedy Prize winner 2022. He writes regularly for The Guardian and Observer as well as BBC Radio 4's The News Quiz and The Now Show.

Alfie hosts the three-time Chortle Award-winning show Comedy Bandits, and co-created Gun and Wand: The Official Companion Podcast, a podcast about a TV show that doesn't exist (recommended by The Guardian).

**'Intense, sad, dramatic, and diabolically funny. Packham is one to watch.'**

★★★★ EdFringe Review

**'Constant laughter throughout.'**

★★★★ Phoenix Remix

**'Sharply observed standup.'**

The Scotsman

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

Website: [www.alfiepackham.com](http://www.alfiepackham.com)

Clips: [BBC New Comedy Awards set](#)

**Full Listing:**

**Title:** Alfie Packham: My Apologies to the Chef

**Venue:** Underbelly Bristo Square, Dexter (Venue no: 302)

**Ticket link:**

<https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/alfie-packham-my-apologies-to-the-chef>

**Dates & time:** July 31 - August 24 @ 7:15pm

**Press from:** Friday 1st August

**Age:** 12+

**Duration:** 60 minutes

**Entry:** from £8.50

**High resolution press images available** [HERE](#)

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