

Edinburgh Fringe 2025: Comedy

Ben Pope: The Cut

Last year, Ben got circumcised. On purpose.
A show about...loss.



Assembly Box

July 30 - August 24 (not 13) @ 5:05pm

'Undeniably funny'

★★★★ EdFest Mag

Ben Pope ('A total delight' - Fest) returns to the Fringe after a 6 year hiatus with a blisteringly personal new stand-up show.

Last year was a big year for Ben. He started the first adult relationship of his life. His father, who he helped care for for a decade, passed away. And, in amongst all that, he got circumcised. On purpose, and as recommended by medical professionals. This show is a 55-minute inventory of his ensuing masculine panic.

Why do men never talk about their sexual health? How do you weaponise incompetence? Will any of us ever actually know our fathers? And for the love of God, what should we wear?! With his trademark silly-smart gags, poetic phrase-making, and critically-acclaimed story-telling chops, Ben takes on the thorny issue of manhood. And discovers what it looks like without the, ahem, hood.

Expect 'consistently funny and deceptively thoughtful' jokes and stories on; the male ego, pillow talk, charity shops, the sublime mystery of having a father and, also, exactly one pig.

It's a show about losing a part of yourself. A very specific part. See you there. Chop chop.

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The Scotsman

Ben Pope is a stand-up comedian, writer and comedy performer. His **critically-acclaimed Edinburgh Fringe shows** *Baby Sasquatch* (2018) and *Dancing Bear* (2019) were 'consistently funny and deceptively thoughtful' (The Scotsman), transferring to London's **Soho Theatre**. His **YouTube specials** *Mr Big Stuff* and *Holy Cow* have 54k views between them and in 2023 he completed his first nationwide tour ('excellent' - Joe Lycett). He's supported **Nick Mohammed, Max & Ivan, Alex Kealy** and **Kieran Hodgson** on tour, has written for *The News Quiz* (BBC Radio 4), *DMs Are Open* (BBC Radio 4), and has appeared on *Achievement Unlocked* (Comedy Central), *Comedy Guide to Life* (Dave) and **BBC New Comedy Award** on **Radio 4 Extra**.

'Always spot-on'

The Skinny

'Undoubted charm'

★★★★ Scottish Field

'Excellent'

Joe Lycett

'I almost wet myself'

Art Murmurs

★★★★ One4Review

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

Website: www.benpopecomedy.com

Clips: [here](#)

Full Listing:

Title: Ben Pope: The Cut

Venue: Assembly Box (Venue no: 8)

Ticket link: <https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/ben-pope-the-cut>

Dates: July 30th - August 24th (not 13th)

Time: 5:05pm

Press from: Wednesday 30th July

Age: 16+

Duration: 60 minutes

Entry: from £11

High resolution press images available [HERE](#)

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All EdFringe 2025 roster details here