

Edinburgh Fringe 2025: Comedy

Alex Kitson: This is Water

A fish *in* water story



Hoots @ Potterrow

August 1st - 25th @ 9pm

'The audience laughter is non-stop ... Alex Kitson is definitely a comedian you need to keep an eye on.'

★★★★★ The Phoenix Remix

"Two young fish are swimming along. An older fish swims by and says, "Morning, boys! How's the water?" The two young fish look at each other, and keep swimming. After a while, one says to the other, "What the hell is water?" - David Foster Wallace

Sometimes, the most important things are the ones that are hardest to see and talk about. Luckily, ISH Edinburgh Comedy Award nominee, **Alex Kitson** is here to help.

After last year's barnstorming cult hit which earned Alex his nomination and third place in Dave's Joke of the Fringe, Gen Z comedy's elder statesman is back with more high-energy, rip-roaring stand-up. This year he's trying to be the older fish - he really is. But how on earth do you play the wisdom card when it's clearer than ever that no one knows what's going on?

It's tough times out there. We're more disconnected than ever, trapped inside our heads, and Kitson reckons it's time for a change of perspective. So, in ***This is Water***, Alex tackles the big questions we're all asking inside our heads: Is everything the fault of smartphones? Have the losers won? Can his Mum stop using Secret Santa to be passive aggressive? What if James Bond was a minger? Why do audience members keep trying to diagnose him with things? How did Kitson end up in a turf war with nearly 60 clowns? What the hell are we swimming in? And is asking that question the answer?

‘A natural comic ... the energy is almost Robin Williams level’

Chortle

Alex Kitson is a multi-award-winning stand-up comedian, performer and writer, originally from Devon. Since starting stand-up in 2018, he has performed to great acclaim at home and abroad, while writing for the BBC (‘Incredible... So clever’ - BBC Radio), Channel 4 and online content with millions of views. In his first few years in comedy, he founded and was resident MC of several of Bristol’s best comedy nights (including the Chortle Award-winning White Bear Comedy Club), while cementing a reputation as ‘the best of Bristol’s rising comics’ (Bristol 24/7) and a ‘Bristol comedy legend’ (The Kettle). After moving to London, his debut hour show ‘Must I Paint You a Picture’ was a cult hit at the Edinburgh Fringe 2024, enjoying a 5-star, multi-award-nominated run, including a nomination for Best Newcomer at the ISH Edinburgh Comedy Awards.

“He has proper funny bones... He’s going to be a huge star.”

On the Mic

‘A set that makes you laugh louder than all the laughter around. He never misses a beat.’

★★★★ EdFringe Review

★★★★ The Wee Review ★★★★★ Entertainment Now ★★★★★ Mumble

‘One of Devon and Bristol’s finest comedians’

Broadway Baby

British Comedy Guide - Recommended

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

Clips: [White Bear \(20 minutes\)](#); [EdFringe 2024 show](#); [2022 Comedy Special](#)

Full Listing:

Title: Alex Kitson: This is Water

Venue: Hoots @ Potterrow (Venue no: 243)

Ticket link: <https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/alex-kitson-this-is-water>

Dates & time: 1-25 August @ 9pm

Press from: Friday 1st August

Age: 18+ (Guideline)

Duration: 60 minutes

Entry: £8/6

High resolution press images available [HERE](#)

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