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DING DING! ROUND TWO!

Welcome to issue two of 247 Fringe. If you've just arrived, fresh-faced, full of innocence and with all your ribs intact - welcome. If you've already been here for a week or you're in it for the whole hog roast, congratulations - we're in the thick of it!

By week two, many of the artists and staff working behind the scenes can be found in a dreamlike state best summed up by the following phrases:

"Oh my God, we survived the first weekend..."

"What day are we on? Wait, it's not Saturday?"

We've still got two whole weeks to mainline as much art as possible and indulge in Edinburgh's earthly delights, but beware - time goes fast in the lowlands. So lace up those boots, get on out there and remember - if you're in a big group, make sure you take up as much pavement space as possible :)

See you next week.

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OUR RECOMMENDED TOP 10 SHOWS THIS WEEK

Daniel Sloss: BITTER

**AYD, MZA and Get
Slotted present**
**Venue 59 Auditorium at
Edinburgh Playhouse**



Scotland's Netflix superstar, one of the biggest global names in live stand-up, unleashes his latest devastatingly hilarious show. Work-in-progressed in 2025, now it's the finished full version currently touring 60 countries. Daniel's been a professional stand-up for more than half his lifetime. In the process he's sold out nine New York Off-Broadway seasons, broken multiple box office records and become one of the top ticket-selling comedians on the planet. His comedy specials include Jigsaw and DARK on Netflix, X on HBO and SOCiO, HUBRIS, X, and CAN'T all streaming on DanielSloss.com. This will sell out! Book early!

Olivia Raine Atwood: Oops

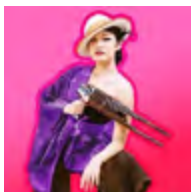
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**Venue 14 - Billiard Room
at Gilded Balloon Teviot**



She's a professional matchmaker who accidentally set up her college boyfriend with her high school bully. Sorta like if Ron set up Hermione with Malfoy. Or Romeo set up Juliet, with someone who bullied Romeo. You know. Like that. You get it. Comedy.co.uk recommended show. Top Ten Solo Shows of Hollywood Fringe (StageTakes.com). 'Side-splitting comedy' (TheEdinburghReporter.co.uk). 'Hypersonic physicality' **** (MumbleComedy.net). Top 9 Shows to See: Edinburgh Reporter. Featured: BBC, NPR and Off-Broadway. From the creator of Faking It, a five-star, award-winning, FringeReview.co.uk Highly Recommended Show and Off-West-End hit.

Boom Boom Battle of the Big Bad Bosses

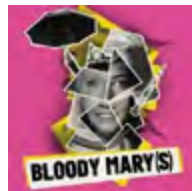
Yat Po Singers
**Venue 38 - Big at
theSpaceTriplex**



Building on last year's electrifying, 'Highly Recommended' (FringeReview.co.uk) production, Hong Kong's pioneering troupe presents another captivating non-verbal a cappella experience. Rumors swirl of a fierce musical showdown as big bosses gather – swapping weapons for rhythmic beats and Sheng melodies, a traditional Chinese instrument. Leaders wield song, vocal artistry, and body percussion, weaving legendary tales and epic rivalries – with only human voice, Sheng sounds and movement. This genre-defying spectacle transforms tradition into an unforgettable confrontation of music, choreography and storytelling. Witness where legend and humour collide in a vibrant, epic encounter!

Bloody Mary(s)

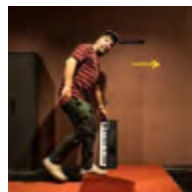
Blue Fire Theatre Company
**Venue 16 - Willow Studio at
Greenside @ Riddles Court**
**Venue 16 - Thistle Theatre
at Greenside @ Riddles
Court**
**Venue 241a - The
Speakeasy at The
Speakeasy at The Royal
Scots Club**



What's in a name? Revered, despised, forgotten; the past is packed with remarkable Marys. From Biblical times to the present day, across cultures and continents, Marys, Mariams and Marias have featured in news reports, gossip columns, storybooks and holy tracts. Who wouldn't love the chance to talk fashion with Mary Quant, politics with Mary Robinson or childcare with Mary Poppins? The team behind Fringe hit Chopped Liver & Unions invites you to take an interactive plunge into history, rediscover these uncommon women with a common name and answer the big question: which Mary are you inviting to dinner?

David O'Doherty: At This Stage

David O'Doherty
**Venue 8 - Gordon Aikman
Theatre at Assembly
George Square**



An evening of low-voltage song and chatter from the increasingly dishevelled Lidl Bruno Mars. In addition to his comedy and not being Chris O'Dowd, David co-hosts the What Did You Do Yesterday? podcast. He is sometimes on television.

Christian Dart: GUMSHOE!

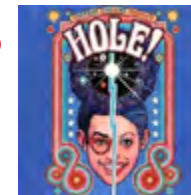
Christian Dart
**Venue 14 - Dining Room at
Gilded Balloon Teviot**



Christian Dart returns with his acclaimed, sell-out Edinburgh Fringe 2025 show GUMSHOE! A grizzled New York Detective embarks on his final, most deadly and most ridiculous case yet. Join Gumshoe as he attempts to solve the unsolvable case. Who did the whodunnit?! Written and performed by multi award-winning comedian Christian Dart. Best Show: Leicester Comedy Festival 2025 Nominee. Sketch-Off! 2025 finalist. **** (ThreeWeeks). **** (Young-Perspective.net). **** (TheLiveReview.co.uk). **** (GetTheChance.wales). **** (Number9Reviews.blogspot.com). **** (AdventuresInTheatreland.com). **** (AaronSays.co.uk). **** (TonyLovesTheFringe.com). **** (List). **** (One4Review.co.uk).

Hole!

American Sing-Song (A.S.S)
**Venue 302 - Cowbarn at
Underbelly, Bristo Square**



'Theatre at its most scintillating' (Guardian). Straight from their highly acclaimed run at London's Soho Theatre, this 'fantastically talented' (WhatsOnStage.co.uk) duo mark their triumphant return to the festival it last year took by storm. Come witness 'the greatest hallucinogenic on earth' (Metro.co.uk), as this 'gloriously deranged queer masterpiece' (PinkPrinceTheatre.com) arrives home. A religious sect in Nebraska wears butt plugs at all times because they believe a wrathful God shall suck the unplugged up, ass-first, to burn on the face of the sun. The crazy thing is... they're right.

Searching for Robert Hennessey

Michael-Shaun Hennessey
**Venue 236 - Mint Studio at
Greenside @ George Street**



A little boy answers every doorbell hoping it's his daddy. Decades later, after surviving sexual abuse, cult indoctrination and a terminal AIDS diagnosis, that boy – now a man – still hasn't stopped searching. Armed with a name his teenage mother gave

him and unwavering determination, Michael calls every Robert Hennessey he can find, chases DNA matches, tries Beetlejuicing the guy into existence and never gives up hope. Until Father's Day 2020 brings a Facebook message shattering everything he thought he knew about his identity and his quest. Hollywood Fringe's sold-out sensation comes to Edinburgh.

Ahir Shah: Golden

**Country Mile Productions
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**33 - Pleasance One at
Pleasance Courtyard**



Ahir Shah discusses love, money, family, responsibility, fear, forever and frogs. His last show, Ends, won the Edinburgh Comedy Award, toured to international acclaim and is streaming on Netflix. As seen on Live at the Apollo, Mock the Week, QI, that sort of thing. 'The most important stand-up of the year, if not decade' (Stephen Armstrong). **** (Guardian, Independent, Telegraph, Standard, Chortle.co.uk).

An Echo in the Void

**No Boundaries Theatrical
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**Venue 139 - Upstairs at
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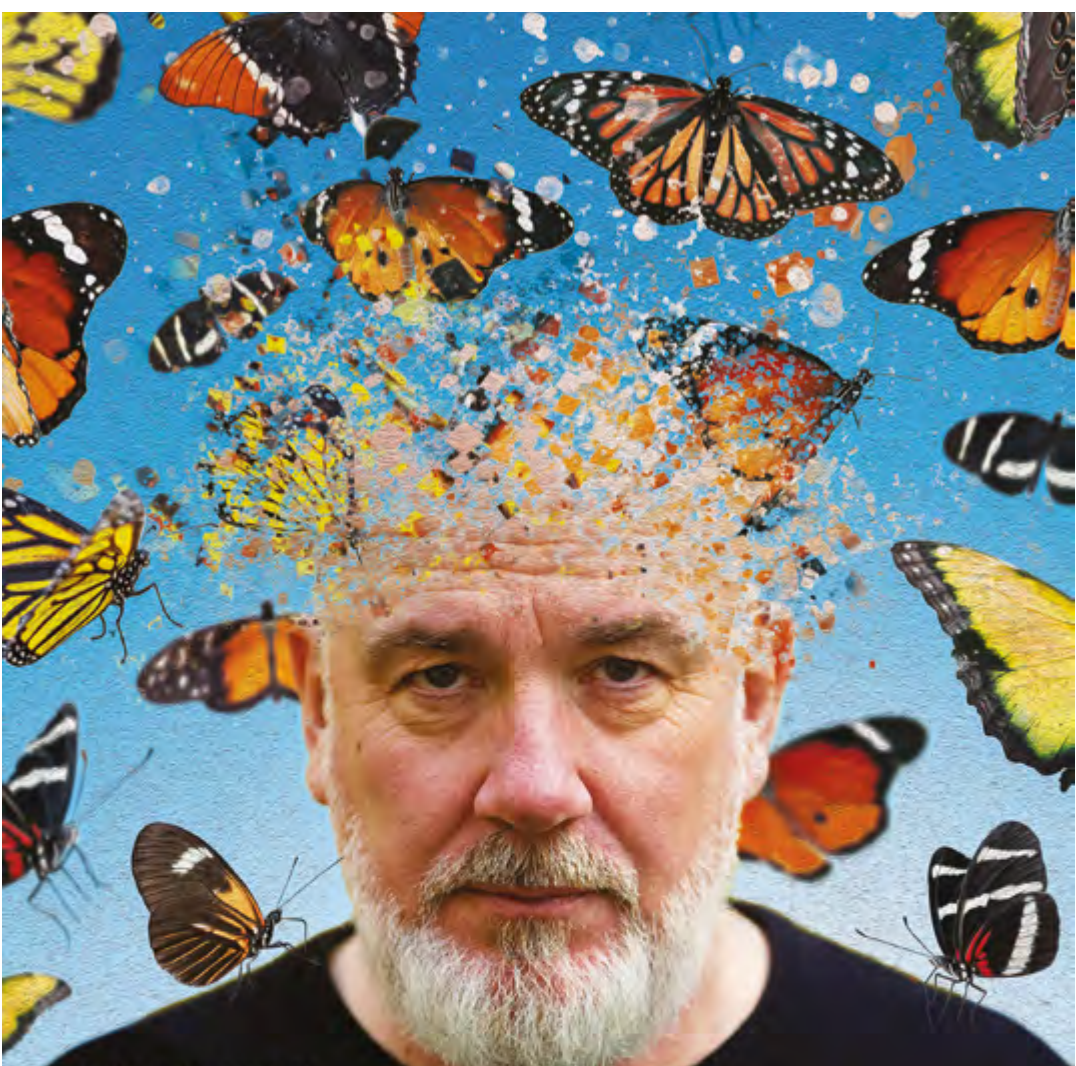


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Fringe days are thirsty work. After years of Fringe survival, we've learnt one key thing: knowing where to drink is just as important as knowing where to eat. Between dashing to shows, flying in the rain (or rare sunshine) and late night debriefs, we've done the hard graft of finding the best places to grab a drink. These are our tried and tested favourite. Where you are looking for a quick pint, "just one" winkwink or some thing a lil fancy...



BEST SECRET SIPPING SPOT: PANDA & SONS

The first time someone took us here, we genuinely thought we had the wrong place. Hidden behind a barbershop front, Panda & Sons feels like a Fringe discovery you want to keep to yourself. The cocktails are inventive, a bit theatrical and always worth it when you fancy something special.

- Recommended by Mattaea

Location: 79 Queen St, Edinburgh EH2 4NF



BEST COLOURFUL CHAOS: PARADISE PALMS

When we want something lively, this is where we go. Paradise Palms is part bar, part party, with great cocktails, music and a crowd that always feels up for it. It's fun, a bit chaotic, and perfect when you're leaning into the full Fringe experience.

- Recommended by Maddie

Location: 41 Lothian St, Edinburgh EH1 1HB



BEST BEER GEEK PITSTOP: THE HANGING BAT

For the team members who take their pints seriously, this is the spot. The Hanging Bat has an ever changing selection of craft beers and a relaxed, friendly feel. It's ideal when you want to actually sit down, chat and enjoy a proper drink without the Fringe frenzy.

- Recommended by Mike

Location: 133 Lothian Rd, Edinburgh EH3 9AD



BEST SPRITZ O'CLOCK: HEY PALU

Tiny, stylish and always buzzing, Hey Palu is where we go when we're feeling a bit fancy. Italian aperitivo vibes, brilliant spritzes and expertly made cocktails make it perfect for early evening drinks that somehow stretch into the night. Small space, big personality.

- Recommended by Jak

Location: 49 Bread St, Edinburgh EH3 9AH

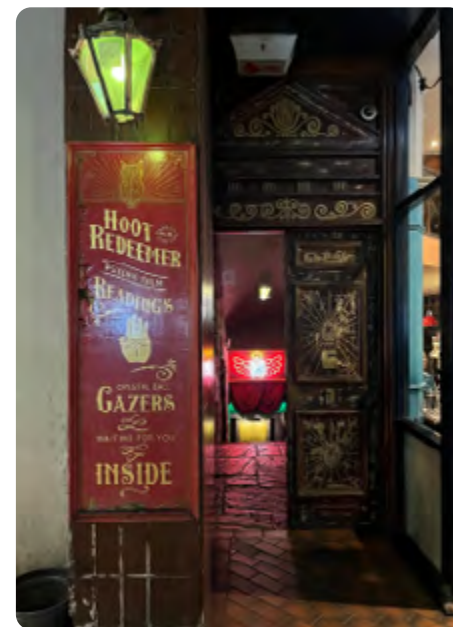


BEST LOW-KEY LOCAL ESCAPE: THE JOLLY JUDGE

Tucked just off the Royal Mile, this is our go-to when we need a breather from the crowds. It's cosy, traditional and refreshingly un-Fringe-like. A quiet pint here feels like hitting pause for a moment before heading back into the madness.

- Recommended by Euan

Location: 7 James Ct, Edinburgh EH1 2PB



BEST QUIRKY HIDDEN GEM: HOOT THE REDEEMER

Half cocktail bar, half retro curiosity, this place is always a hit when we bring new team members. Think creative drinks, playful touches and a slightly surreal atmosphere. It's a bit offbeat, a bit unexpected and exactly the kind of place the Fringe is made for.

- Recommended by Rosie

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