



Jimmy Jewell presents

Beak Speaks

A masterclass with the self-proclaimed Queen of the British Fringe

Underbelly Cowgate (White Belly), 66 Cowgate, Edinburgh, EH1 1JX

Thursday 3rd – Monday 28th August 2017 (not 14th, 21st), 16:00

After over 30 years of working in, under and around the British Fringe Theatre Circuit, Gillian Beak finally bares all and shares a lifetime of theatrical insights and anecdotes.

Beak Speaks is a character comedy based on the life and times of Gillian Beak. Accompany the doyenne of the Fringe as she takes you through her masterclass, reminiscing about the infamous techniques that shaped her young protégée, Tamsin Bush, how it all went wrong with the frightfully well connected Bryan Gambon du Pont (co-creator of Go! Theatre) as well as one young upstart who she claims she taught everything he knows, Miles Jupp.

Miles gallantly declares, *If I was 10 years younger Gillian Beak would already be my ex-wife.*

Beak Speaks is staged by kind permission of Sarah Thom, heard frequently as Joan on Radio 4's *Clare in the Community* and less frequently on *In and Out of the Kitchen* and *Rudy's Rare Records*, and seen on BBC TV's *Stewart Lee's Comedy Vehicle* and *Not Going Out*. In 2013 Sarah made the top 20 'One to Watch' list for the Funny Women Comedy Writing Awards.

Thom comments, *Gillian Beak has been incubating for several years now so it's good to finally let her spread her wings. A large section is pure Beak, and daft as it is, some is genuinely inspired by what happened to a young Thom as I sewed my seeds as an actor in London. A while ago I set up a workshop at The Actors Centre, London run by Gillian Beak - the participants were in the know, but it yielded some rather interesting insights... I've loved working more in comedy in recent years and am very much looking forward to unleashing the Beak.*

Join Gillian Beak on her spectacular journey as she lets you peek behind the magic curtain to see that the whole world is indeed a stage. Finally, Beak speaks....

Notes to Editors

Title	<i>Beak Speaks</i>
Performance Dates	Thursday 3 rd – Monday 28 th August (not 14 th , 21 st), 16:00
Running time	60 minutes
Location	Underbelly Cowgate (White Belly), 66 Cowgate, Edinburgh, EH1 1JX
Box Office	Tickets are available from www.underbellyedinburgh.co.uk or 03333 444 167. Previews: £6.50 Weekday: £9.50 (£8.50) Weekend: £10.50 (£9.50)
Twitter	@worldofthom, @thebeakspeaks, @jimmy_jewell, @followthecow
Notes	Ages 14+
Written and performed by	Sarah Thom
Dramaturg	James Greaves

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