



## NewsRevue 2017

**Pleasance Courtyard (Beyond), 60 Pleasance, Edinburgh, EH8 9TJ**

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2017 (not 15<sup>th</sup>), 18:30**

NewsRevue may be back every year but it's always an entirely new show! This Guinness World Record-breaking, Fringe First-winning, Perrier finalist, news-based song and sketch show is where you should come if you're in need of a cathartic dose of comic exasperation - all in the spirit of free expression.

Although NewsRevue is a Fringe stalwart its content changes all the time, reflecting the very latest world events; the Edinburgh show is a highlight of this year's news so expect the very best of British satire with the demise of democracy, Brexit and, of course, the unavoidable Trump! And, as Napoleon once said, *'In politics, absurdity is not a handicap'*. The excellent writing, superlative performances and original takes on current affairs make this a must-see at the Fringe every year.

Producer Emma Taylor comments, *I feel as committed to and enthralled by NewsRevue today as when I first started producing it in 2001. As the daughter of a former refugee and political prisoner, producing NewsRevue is a daily reminder of how lucky we are for our freedom of speech and that we are allowed to mock the powers that be through gags, song and dance.*

2016 director Katie Pesskin is returning to the show for a second year running. She comments, *2016 was an incredibly exciting time for NewsRevue. The result of the Brexit vote and the immediate repercussions in the British government had a huge impact on the show as every day the news was becoming old news. Things were changing exceptionally quickly - hard work for us and very exciting for our audiences! It was NewsRevue doing what it does best and such a memorable show.*

The show is acknowledged as a highly successful springboard for all the incredible talents involved, many of whom started their careers on the show before scaling great comedy heights. Described by Chortle as *'a rite of passage for all comedy new-comers'* previous alumni include: Rory Bremner, Reece Shearsmith, Alistair McGowan, Bill Bailey, Sean McCann, Michelle Collins, Zoe Lyons, Nick Helm, Cariad Lloyd, Bridget Christie, Gemma Arrowsmith, Sarah-Louise Young, Lorna Watson, Gemma Whelan, Luke Toulson and Sara Pascoe.

## Notes to Editors

Title	NewsRevue 2017
Performance Dates	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> August (not 15 <sup>th</sup> ), 18:30
Running time	60 minutes
Location	Pleasance Courtyard (Beyond), 60 Pleasance, Edinburgh, EH8 9TJ
Box Office	Tickets are available from <a href="http://www.pleasance.co.uk">www.pleasance.co.uk</a> , priced £10 - £17.50
Twitter	@newsrevue, @ThePleasance
Notes	Ages 14+ (parental guidance)
Producer	Emma Taylor
Director	Katie Pesskin
Musical Director	Tom Barnes
Cast	Howard Grater Sam Sheldon Abigail Simpson Elissa Churchill
Previews	Canal Café Theatre, London 20 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> July, 27 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> July, Thursdays to Saturdays at 9.30pm, Sundays at 9pm

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