



**The Pleasance presents**  
***The Journey* by Stuart Laws**

**Pleasance Dome (Ten), Potterow, Edinburgh, EH8 9AL**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2018 (not 3<sup>rd</sup>), 17:40**

The exciting world premiere of *The Journey*, written and directed by critically acclaimed stand-up comedian Stuart Laws comes to Pleasance this summer. Co-directed by Phoebe Ladenburg (*The Superhero*, The Lyric Hammersmith; *Brother Don't Preach*, Theatre503) and starring Will Brown (*Unforgotten*, ITV; *Call The Midwife*, BBC; *Doctor Who*, BBC) and Phoebe Sparrow (*Downton Abbey*, BBC; *The Dresser*, The Duke of York Theatre; *Inside No.9*, BBC), *The Journey* is a romantic comedy about a breakup, set on a spaceship.

A play about self-obsession and toxic relationships, *The Journey* is a funny, relatable and surprising comedy following two people on the unstoppable journey of their relationship. In his theatrical debut, Laws explores a concept which many people can identify with – breaking up on holiday where you are forced to continue to share space and there's no escape. Imagine how much this is escalated if you're trapped on a spaceship! Although the spaceship breakup is obviously anything but autobiographical, the story exposes Laws' private and evolving preoccupation with communication between loved ones.

Stuart Laws comments, *Taking a fantastical idea and forcing it to interact with the everyday is what inspired me. I also wanted to create a narrative which begins as a recognisable romantic comedy, but becomes something quite different. Without giving too much away, the play develops in a, hopefully, unexpected direction which lends new perspective to what comes before.*

Laws has written several stand-up and sketch shows, but *The Journey* is his first piece of theatre. He has directed a multitude of successful online comedy sketches and series for his production

company, Turtle Canyon Comedy, as well as producing his own Radio 4 show and James Acaster's Netflix series. Laws is renowned in the industry for his unique voice and ambition.

## Notes to Editors

Title	<i>The Journey</i> by Stuart Laws
Performance Dates	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> – Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> August (not 3 <sup>rd</sup> ), 17:40
Running time	60 minutes
Location	Pleasance Dome (Ten Dome), Potterow, Edinburgh, EH8 9AL
Box Office	Tickets are available from <a href="http://www.pleasance.co.uk">www.pleasance.co.uk</a> Previews: £6 Early Week: £9 (£8) Midweek: £10 (£9) Weekend: £11/£10
Writer/Director	Stuart Laws
Co-Director	Phoebe Ladenburg
Original Music	Steve Dunne
Cast	Will Brown Phoebe Sparrow
Twitter	@ThePleasance, @thisstuartlaws, #TheJourney
Notes	Ages 16 +

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