



NewsRevue (HMS Unthinkable)

Pleasance Courtyard (Grand), 60 Pleasance, Edinburgh, EH8 9TJ

Wednesday 2nd – Sunday 27th August 2023 (not 16th), 17:30

From King Charles to Keir Starmer, Prince Harry to Putin, Sunak to Strikes and Sleaze, no stone will be left unturned. Expect 100% brand-new material from this multi award-winning institution where much of the content is written by the preposterously talented cast and creative team. This incredible song and sketch show parodies our crazy world, giving us all a bit of light relief from the madness in which we live.

This year's show is dedicated to the late, great, founder of *NewsRevue*, Professor Michael Hodd, who launched this Guinness World Record-breaking institution 43 years ago. Emma Taylor, its producer since 2001, says: *it is fitting that Mike's enduring legacy will make its debut in the iconic Pleasance Grand*. The show used to be largely written by a team of off-site writers all over the country but is now written by the company members with a variety of former performers and directors being hired as a 'Writer in the Room' providing first-hand experience of how to react to the fast-paced changing headlines.

The amazing cast are accompanied by on-stage Musical Director Richard Baker (*Peter Pan Goes Wrong* - composer/musical director) who ensures the music gives us a night to remember.

Director Charlie Ryall comments, *NewsRevue has been an institution for years and what makes it exciting is its eternal relevancy. The changing face of comedy over the last decade, and the way in which the public consumes media, means that freshness is more necessary than ever, and the team at NewsRevue is always looking to not only adapt to the changing landscape, but to drive it. Working on this show is always such a pleasure; the talent on stage and behind the scenes really must be seen to be believed. Now, more than ever, we as a nation need to find ways to see the light at the end of the tunnel, and if NewsRevue can help to hold the torch, then we're doing our bit.*

Awarded with London Pub Theatre's 2022 Commendation for Outstanding Achievement, *NewsRevue* is acknowledged as a highly successful springboard for 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: Gemma Whelan, Sara Pascoe, Cariad Lloyd, Bridget Christie, Jess Fostekew, Tamsyn Kelly, Alistair McGowan, Bill Bailey, Reece Shearsmith, Abi Carter-Simpson and Mark Gatiss.

Notes to Editors

Title	<i>NewsRevue (HMS Unthinkable)</i>
Performance Dates	Wednesday 2 nd – Sunday 27 th August 2023, 17:30
Running Time	60 minutes
Location	Pleasance Courtyard (Grand), 60 Pleasance, Edinburgh, EH8 9TJ
Box Office	Tickets are available from www.pleasance.co.uk Previews: £10 4th – 8th, 10th– 13th, 17th-20th, 21st-23rd, 24th-27 th : £19.50 (£18.00), 9th, 14th, 15 th : £17.00 (£15.50)
Director	Charlie Ryall
Musical Director	Richard Baker
Cast	Elspeth Day-Collins Freddie Walker Mohamed Bangura Phoebe Loveday- Raymond
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