



Stuntman

Summerhall (Tech Cube Zero), Summerhall Place, Edinburgh, EH9 1PL

Wednesday 2nd – Friday 25th August 2023 (not 7th, 14th, 21st), 17:50

I'm waiting for him to say 'you don't have to do this, it's ok. You don't have to do this.'
Instead he says, 'Jump on the spot. You're shaking. We can't let them see that you're shaking.'

Stuntman is an intensely physical, funny, and tender duet which sees two men wrestle with their relationship to violence – both onscreen and off. It examines the impact of action-hero role models on men and boys by taking inspiration from movies such as *Die Hard* and *John Wick* to create high-octane and sometimes ridiculous fight scenes.

This satirical physical production explores the relationship between violence and masculinity. Placing the audience front and centre to the action of the *Pow! Biff! Wallop!* over-the-top stunt fights, *Stuntman* also confronts them with the performers' personal stories of real encounters with violence and their relationship with aggression.

The striking design by Rachel O'Neill, sound by Richy Carey and lights from Michaela Fee immerse the audience in the intimate yet explosive performance from David Banks and Sadiq Ali. *Stuntman* juxtaposes the anger, rage and hype that men can feel on the brink of a fight with the calm softness and tenderness of not wishing to be violent.

Director and lead artist, Pete Lannon comments, *I'm overjoyed that Stuntman is coming to the Fringe as part of the Made in Scotland showcase. The response we had from audiences on tour was incredible, and the conversations it sparked reminded me why it's important to keep asking the questions I think the show is asking. The themes at the heart of it, of the complicated and painful relationships men have with violence, feel like they've (sadly) only become more relevant in the last couple of years. I hope that we can invite people to think about it from a slightly different perspective, and also have some fun – there's a lot of joyful silliness in the show too.*

Notes to Editors

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Performance Dates	Wednesday 2 nd – Friday 25 th August 2023 (not 7 th , 14 th , 21 st), 17:50
Running Time	1 hour
Location	Summerhall (Tech Cube Zero), Summerhall Place, Edinburgh, EH9 1PL
Box Office	Tickets are available from festival.summerhall.co.uk Preview: £10 Shows: £15 (£13)
Lead Artist / Director	Pete Lannon
Performer / Deviser	David Banks
Performer / Deviser	Sadiq Ali
Scenographer	Rachel O’Neill
Lighting Designer	Michaela Fee
Composer / Sound Designer	Richy Carey
Dramaturg	Kim Donohoe
Dramaturg / Outside Eye	Rishi Trikha
Action Consultant	Emma Claire Brightlyn
Action Assistant	Robin Hellier
Technical Stage Manager	Chris Gorman
Originally created by	Pete Lannon, Ellie Dubois and David Banks
Producer	Stories Untold Productions
Rehearsal Director/Engagement Co-ordinator	Eoin McKenzie
Notes	Ages 14+, includes violence, strong language and the use of slurs, and reference to suicide
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