



How to Flirt: The TED XXX Talk

Assembly Roxy (Upstairs), 2 Roxburgh Place, Edinburgh, EH8 9SU

Wednesday 2nd – Saturday 26th August 2023 (not 11th, 15th), 21:55

Actor, writer and Drag King Daisy Doris May brings her solo show *How to Flirt: The TED XXX Talk* to Edinburgh Fringe this summer. Produced by Häus of Dons, May's alter ego Guildfordian Steve Porters teaches the audience how to flirt in this hilarious one-person show, which examines gender binaries, toxic masculinity – and how to spoon.

Want to learn how to be the ultimate ladies man? How do you get to the next base? Don't panic – iPod DJ and self-taught feminist Steve has got you covered. Steve's heart is in the right place. He is doing his absolute best. However, his naïve outlook can be problematic. The audience is taken on a journey full of heart, drag and utter silliness as Steve learns what is okay and what absolutely isn't.

This totally silly and totally poignant one-person drag show asks what kind of behaviour we accept – in public and in private. *How to Flirt* encourages the audience to think about who or what you have modelled your behaviour on, examining upbringing and gender binaries all through the hilarious lens of Steve's TED XXX Talk. Ultimately the show is a proclamation of vulnerability, consent and self-love.

Creator and performer Daisy Doris May won Europe's biggest Drag King contest, Man Up, in 2022, just a couple of years after becoming a Drag King over lockdown. *How to Flirt: The TED XXX Talk* is directed by Mpilo May, produced by Häus of Dons and features sound design by Ben Hood.

Director Mpilo May comments, *I can't think of a better and more fun way to learn how to flirt than in a room with Steve Porters. As we breakdown the gender binary in our society, we need to re-examine how we relate to each other, learn how to communicate respectfully and perhaps*

change our approach to flirting. Directing Daisy/Steve in this one-person show has exposed my blind spots and has inspired me to press the refresh button on what I understand as socially acceptable behaviour.

Notes to Editors

Title	<i>How to Flirt: The TED XXX Talk</i>
Performance Dates	Wednesday 2 nd – Saturday 26 th 2023 (not 11 th , 15 th), 21:55 BSL interpreted: Tuesday 22 nd August
Running Time	60 minutes
Location	Assembly Roxy (Upstairs), 2 Roxburgh Place, Edinburgh, EH8 9SU
Box Office	Tickets are available from https://assemblyfestival.com/whats-on £14 (£13)
Writer / Performer	Daisy Doris May
Director	Mpilo May
Producer	Häus of Dons
Sound Design	Ben Hood
Notes	Ages 18+
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