



## ***The Brilliance of Broken Glass***

**Underbelly (Wee Co), George Square, Edinburgh, EH8 9LH  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2023, 13:20**

New York comedian and performer Brooke brings her debut Edinburgh Fringe show to Underbelly this summer. Brooke, the Moth StorySLAM champion, blends award-winning storytelling and comedic tales in *The Brilliance of Broken Glass*. Following one woman's journey post-medical crisis, Brooke crafts a personal fairytale and shares her humorous Homeric quest to heal. Her circumstances unique, her story universal: how to lose and find yourself again.

With no map to recovery, just a trusty guide dog by her side and the embers of a torched life plan lighting her way, Brooke takes the audience on a punchy, poetic journey, navigating growth and loss. *The Brilliance of Broken Glass* asks, are you always what you were?

After sold-out solo shows Off-off Broadway and years delivering notorious impromptu standup at Upper East Side hospitals, Brooke's new writing blends her infectious energy and unique voice – a quick-paced mix of wit, grit and grace – into a debut hour that explores the brutality of the health "care" system, the epic resilience required to navigate alleged support, and how to heal – in a world that's maybe trying to kill you. Written and performed by Brooke, the show blends narrative styles, structures and techniques, and crosses genre (storytelling, comedy, spoken word, stand up) as Brooke crosses space and time to gain, maintain and lose herself.

Taking in her early childhood – as a top-notch 'belly' performer – to her unrelenting surgeries and hospital visits – from phobias (needles, anyone?) to bucket-list travels and trying to rebuild her life, Brooke dives into her reality and invites the audience on her – and Doggie's – moving, hilarious adventure.

Creator and performer Brooke comments, *I've been exploring the theme of identity: the similarities and differences between who you were and who you've become, how you feel versus*

*how you're perceived, what it is to lose yourself and to be found. My first line of offense and last line of defense has always been a sense of humour about myself and my situation. To find the funny, no matter how ridiculous or tragic a circumstance, has always provided that final level of subcutaneous chainmail to ward off ultimate spiritual destruction. The Brilliance of Broken Glass is for anyone who's played hide and seek with themselves, misplaced their keys, or their life, for others who want to feel seen in their journey, collectively heal, or for some who want to feel very, very good about their life choices.*

Brooke is bringing 22, a semi-companion comedy piece to City Cafe, which picks up the same protagonist years later in her journey, from 3<sup>rd</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> August.

## Notes to Editors

Title	<i>The Brilliance of Broken Glass</i>
Performance Dates	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> August, 13:20
Running Time	60 minutes
Location	Underbelly (Wee Co), George Square, Edinburgh, EH8 9LH
Box Office	Tickets are available from <a href="https://underbellyedinburgh.co.uk/">https://underbellyedinburgh.co.uk/</a>
Creator/Performer	Brooke
Notes	Ages 14+
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