



**Venues North  
Edinburgh Fringe 2018**



# Welcome to the Venues North Edinburgh Fringe Festival guide!

Venues North is a network of venues from across the North of England who are committed to supporting artists to create new work. Our aim is to work together as venues to support new and emerging artists from the North to get their work more widely seen regionally, nationally and internationally.

Over the course of the year, Venues North members support many artists and companies to create new work, and we are pleased to see so much of this on show at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival this year.

Each of the shows featured in this guide has been supported by one of our members, and we are proud to be collectively presenting such an outstanding programme of work.

We hope you choose to see some of it in Edinburgh this year.

**Annabel Turpin**  
**Chair, Venues North**  
**ARC Stockton**

 @annabelturpin

## Tickets

If you would like tickets to see one of the shows, please either contact the company directly, or via Arts Industry [artsindustry@edfringe.com](mailto:artsindustry@edfringe.com)

## Venues North members:

Venues North is not a closed network or an exclusive group of venues, but open to any venue in the North that shares our commitment to artist development and new work.

### Current members include:

ARC, Stockton Arts Centre	Sheffield Theatres
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Hull Truck Theatre	The Octagon, University of Sheffield
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Live Art Bistro, Leeds	Theatre in the Mill, Bradford
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Oldham Coliseum	West Yorkshire Playhouse, Leeds
Oldham Library Studio	York Theatre Royal
Royal Exchange, Manchester	Z-arts

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# Live Art Bistro

## All These Things Live Art Bistro

FOR ONE DAY ONLY! Live Art Bistro take on Zoo Southside, doing what they do best; presenting 12 hours of transgressive and experimental performance by artists of world renowned.

All These Things is for the brave and the curious. For people who want something that sits authentically outside of the boundaries of what we now expect from The Fringe. The work on offer will fill every nook and cranny of the venue promoting exploration, play, and with a spirit of generosity. There will be nothing else like this event at the Fringe, guaranteed.

Supported in part by Forest Fringe.

 @liveartbistro

**15 Aug**  
5pm to 5am

Venue: **Zoo Venues // Zoo Southside**

Price: **£20 / £17**

[Click here for box office information](#) or call **0131 662 6892**

Supported by Hull Truck Theatre

# All We Ever Wanted was Everything

## Middle Child

Meet Leah and Chris: raised on Harry Potter, New Labour and a belief that one day they would be as special as their parents promised. But what happens when those dreams don't become reality? Set across three decades, from 1997's Cool Britannia to today's Brexit Britain, this is multi award-winning gig theatre that mixes original live music from James Frewer with bold new writing by Luke Barnes.

2017 Broadway Baby Bobby Award; 2017 The Stage Excellence Award; 2017 Edinburgh Festival Fringe sell-out show.

*'Superb gig theatre'*  
Lyn Gardner, Guardian.

 @MiddleChildHull

**20 Aug**  
**22 - 26 Aug**  
11.30pm

Venue: **Roundabout @ Summerhall**

Full Price: **£16 weekend / £15 weekday**

Concession Price: **£14 weekend / £13 weekday**

[Click here for box office information](#) or call **0131 226 0000**



## Blackthorn by Charley Miles

InSite Performance in association with West Yorkshire Playhouse

*"What you think's a completely different plant on 'surface - it's all from the same roots."*

The only two children born in a North Yorkshire village for a generation cannot imagine ever being apart, but as their lives shift, so too do the ties that bind them. Charley Miles' outstanding debut play Blackthorn explores the changes and choices that pull us from the places and people we love.

 @insiteperform

**1-4 Aug (Preview)**

**5 - 6 Aug**

**8 - 13 Aug**

**15 - 20 Aug**

**22 - 26 Aug**

1.05pm

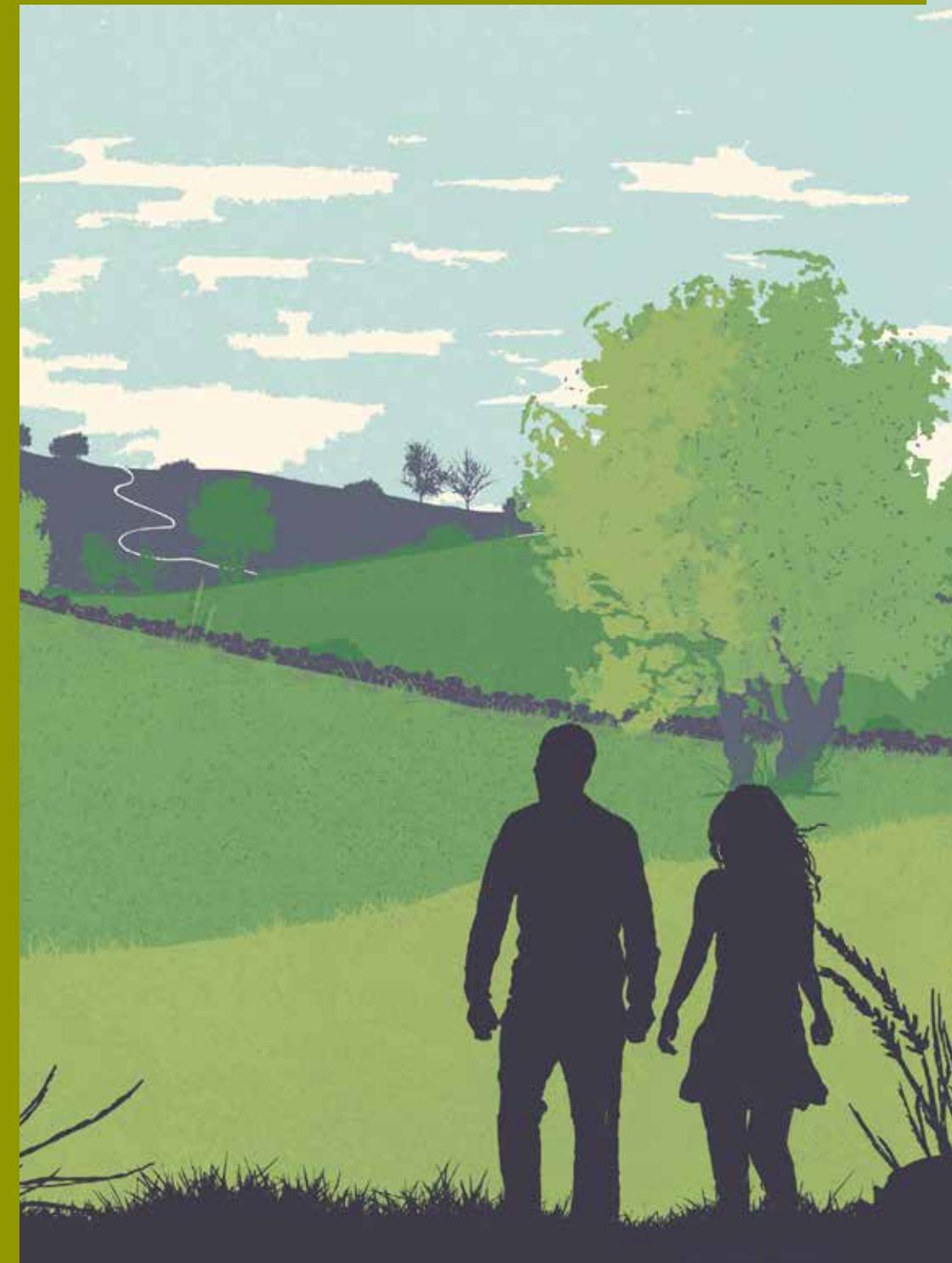
Venue: **Roundabout, Summerhall**

Preview Price: **£9**

Price: 8, 9, 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 22, 23 Aug **£14 / £12**

5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26 Aug **£15 / £13**

[Click here for box office information](#) or call **0131 560 1580**



## Build a Rocket

### Christopher York

*'Scarborough is turning into Tenerife.  
This is global warming gone wrong.  
This isn't the story of Icarus and Daedalus.  
It's Yasmin and Jack.  
And we won't fly too close to the sun.  
We'll fly through the f\*\*\*er.'*

Yasmin is young, feisty and living on the edge in Scarborough. She's been dealt a rough hand and has to decide whether to give in or get smart. But can the thing which threatens to ruin her life be the one thing which saves her?

A new play by Christopher York  
Directed by Paul Robinson

 @SJT\_OnTour

**1 - 3 Aug (Preview)**  
**4 - 27 Aug**  
4.30pm

Venue: **Beneath at Pleasance Courtyard**

Full Price: 13, 14, 20, 21, 27 Aug **£9 / £8**

8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23 Aug **£11 / £10**

4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26 Aug **£12 / £11**

Preview Price: **£7**

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## Director's Cut

### Kill the Beast

Welcome to the worst film never made. Thankfully there's only one scene left to shoot. As heard on BBC Radio 3, critically acclaimed comedy troupe Kill the Beast return with a new tale of haunted Hollywood hilarity: Singin' in the Rain meets The Exorcist, Carrie meets Noises Off. The fires have been contained, the wigs have been sterilised, and the star has been replaced after the accident. Surely, nothing else can be waiting in the dark? Praise for Kill the Beast: Edinburgh Stage Award 2016 winners.

*'Electric genius'*  
Stage.

*'Masters of comedy horror'*  
Time Out.

 @kill\_beast

**21 - 27 Aug**  
6.30pm

Venue: **Pleasance Courtyard**

Price: **£10 - £12.50 / £9 - £11.50**

[Click here for box office information](#) or call **0131 226 0000**



Supported by ARC Stockton



## Door to Door Poetry

Rowan McCabe

What do you think would happen if you knocked on a stranger's door and offered to write them a poem? Two years ago Rowan McCabe became the world's first Door-to-Door Poet. Through a funny and thought-provoking mix of spoken word and theatre, find out about the people he met on his journey around the North East of England; from a council estate in Stockton, to his appearance on BBC Breakfast; from a mosque in Newcastle, to the most expensive houses in the region.

*"A must-see"*

Tim Wells, Morning Star

 @DoorstepPoetry

**4 - 14 Aug**

**16 - 25 Aug**

1.30pm

Venue: **Bourbon Bar (Venue 333)**

Price: **Pay What You Feel**

[Click here for box office information](#) or call **TBC**



## FEED

### Theatre Temoin

Welcome to the stimulating world of Feed, where emotions are the currency, and your passions and fantasies will be indulged... for a price. After the sell-out success of *The Marked*, 'a rollercoaster ride' \*\*\*\*\* (BritishTheatreGuide.info), and *The Fantasist*, 'achingly beautiful... incredible stagework that will blow you away' (Sunday Times), *Témoin* return, bringing their vibrant visual style to the world of clickbait culture, fake news and cyber gluttony. *Feed* is a co-production with The Lowry and The Everyman Cheltenham and is supported by Arts Council England and the Charles Irving Trust.

 @Theatre\_Temoin

**1 - 3 Aug (Preview)**

**4 - 14 Aug**

**16 - 27 Aug**

**2pm**

Venue: **Pleasance Dome**

Price: **Weekend £9 - £12 / £8 - £11**

Preview: **£7**

[Click here for box office information](#) or call **0131 226 0000**

# Five Encounters on a Site Called Craigslist

YESYESNONO

Sam wants to tell you about five encounters he had on Craigslist.

Sam's anxious about how he gets to know people.

This is a chance to get to know him.

A show performed by one person. A show that, in exploring one person's attempts to know others, considers how a group of people in a darkened room can ever get to know each other.

Desperately hilarious and achingly bleak, YESYESNONO's smash debut returns to ZOO for a limited final run.

WINNER – Total Theatre Award 2017 (Best Emerging Company)

*'A moving and bittersweet experience.'* Lyn Gardner (Guardian)

 @yesyesnonoheat

**20 - 23 Aug**

6.10pm

Venue: **ZOO Venues (Sanctuary)**

Price: **£14 / £12**

[Click here for box office information](#) or call **0131 662 6892**



Supported by Square Chapel Arts Centre, ARC Stockton

# How to be Amazingly Happy!

Victoria Firth

How do you find a new 'once upon a time' after the 'happy ever after' never turned up? Victoria is on a quest to discover how you make a new life when you can't have the one you imagined.

In this big-hearted, big-thinking show of storytelling and physical comedy our heroine's mid-life search for joy, identity and belonging features public displays of playfulness, private truths and sheer bloody mindedness.

Join Victoria as she asks – what do you do with the rest of your life when you don't have kids?

 @msvhf

**1 - 3 Aug (Preview)**

**4 - 12 Aug**

**15 - 27 Aug**

**11.35am**

Venue: **Pleasance Courtyard (Venue 33)**

Price: **£10 / £9**

Preview Price: **£6**

[Click here for box office information](#) or call **020 7609 1800**





## [insert slogan here]

### YESYESNONO

In 2016, Volvo launched their 'Human Made' advertising campaign. New adverts focussed on individual human lives. On explorers, families and factory workers.

Global sales increased by 20%.

We loved them so much we decided to make some adverts of our own.

This is what we made.

A show about desire. About the things we want and the ways we'll try and get them.

With live music and video artistry, [insert slogan here] is a smart, heart-breaking and fevered excavation of adverts, objects and longing.

The second show from YESYESNONO – Total Theatre Award (Best Emerging Company) Winners 2017

 @yesyesnonoheat

**3 - 4 Aug (Preview)**

**5 - 19 Aug**

6.10pm

Venue: **ZOO Venues (Sanctuary)**

Price: **£12 / £10** (Preview £7)

[Click here for box office information](#) or call **0131 662 6892**



# Laurence Clark: An Irresponsible Father's Guide to Parenting

Laurence Clark

Join Laurence as he tackles important issues like how best to balance crutches on his son's baby walker to make him look like a Dalek! Laurence starred in BBC One documentary, We Won't Drop the Baby and recently featured on The One Show. He's been shortlisted for Funniest New Comedian, is an Amused Moose Edinburgh Laughter Awards finalist and is currently developing a sitcom for Channel 4.

 @Laurence\_Clark

**1 - 3 Aug (Preview)**

**4 - 13 Aug**

**15 - 26 Aug**

5.40pm

Venue: **Assembly - George Square – The Box**

Price: **£10 - £12 / £9 - £11**

Preview Price: **£6**

[Click here for box office information](#) or call **TBC**

Supported by York Theatre Royal

# Mr Saxon's Excellently English Evening of Entertainment

KifLi Theatre

Roll-up. Roll-up. England. A place for Saxons and bubble-people. Where NHS protests start in nightclubs, Michael Gove's a goblin and we sing The Ballad of the Brexit Lady. Cabaret-style documentary theatre with satirical original music. Acts include The Hermit Freak who avoids the news and The Prophet who predicts Britain's future. Featuring live original songs: England Is... our alternative national anthem and popular hit The Ballad of the Brexit Lady, with guest appearance from Theresa May in drag. With the clashing personalities of the cabaret performers, what could possibly go wrong?!

 @kifli\_theatre

**13 - 18 Aug**

**20 - 25 Aug**

10.05pm

Venue: **The Space on the Mile - Space 2**

Price: **£8 / £6**

[Click here for box office information](#) or call **0131 226 0000**



Supported by The Lowry



## Nigel Slater's Toast

The Lowry

Vividly recreating suburban England in the 1960s, Nigel Slater's childhood is told through the tastes and smells he grew up with. From making the perfect sherry trifle and waging war over cakes through to the playground politics of sweets and the rigid rules of restaurant dining, this is a moving and evocative tale of love, loss and... toast.

 @The\_Lowry

**7 Aug (Preview)**

**8 - 12 Aug**

**14 - 19 Aug**

**21 - 26 Aug**

10am unless stated below:

15, 22 Aug - 1pm

9, 16, 23 Aug - 4pm

10, 17, 24 Aug - 7pm

11, 18, 25 Aug - 10pm

Venue: **Traverse**

Price: **£21.50 / £16.50** (U30s/Students £15)

Preview Price: **£15 / £9**

[Click here for box office information](#) or call **0131 228 1404**

Supported by Hull Truck Theatre



## One Life Stand

Middle Child

When we can have sex whenever we want, with whomever we want, why settle for a normal relationship? With the promise of fresh excitement just a swipe away, is Kat's long-term lover her lifelong dream? One Life Stand is a late-night search for intimacy across a hyperconnected, hypersexual city, exposing the loneliness sometimes found in modern relationships, where expectations of love and lust are ever-changing. Written by Eve Nicol with music by James Frewer and Honeyblood, this is brand-new gig theatre from the award-winning company behind All We Ever Wanted Was Everything.

 @MiddleChildHull

**1 Aug**

**3 – 6 Aug**

**8 – 13 Aug**

**15 – 20 Aug**

**22 – 26 Aug**

9.45pm

Venue: **Roundabout @ Summerhall**

Full Price: **£15 weekend, £14 weekday**

Concession Price: **£13 weekend, £12 weekday**

Preview Price: **£9**

[Click here for box office information](#) or call **0131 226 0000**

Supported by Slung Low's HUB

# SECRET CIRCL



< TELL EVRYONE >

## Secret Circl Lucy Hopkins

Calling the courageous, faithless and broken to the late-night ceremony of love we always hoped we'd never need. Hosted by award-winning priestess, shapeshifter and person Lucy Hopkins and supported by an exquisite, ever-changing selection of the most talented Fringe idiots. Also known as Aunty Val in Spencer Jones's Christmas short (Sky TV), Charlie Chuck's assistant Mary, and an internationally touring, award-winning clown, director and lover of humans. Shhhhhhhhhhhh. Tell evryone.

*'Hopkins is fantastic'* Guardian.

*'Wonderful experience'* Scotsman.

*'Hopkins will transform you'* EdfringeReview.com.

 @lucyehopkins

**2 - 26 Aug**  
11.50pm

Venue: **HEROES @ The SpiegelYurt**

Price: **£5 / Pay What You Want**

[Click here for box office information](#) or call **0131 226 0000**

Supported by Sheffield Theatres

# Signals

## Footprint Theatre

Alone on the night shift, two data analysts monitor for signs of alien contact. Every shift is the same. But tonight is different. Tonight is the night they've been waiting for. The award-winning Footprint Theatre presents Signals, a show about human connection, space exploration and Jaffa Cakes. A new dark comedy that asks how it feels to be lost in the cosmic ocean with only each other for company. Shortlisted for the Untapped Award 2018.

*'Disturbingly brilliant'*  
Sunday Times, on previous show, Daniel.

*'Brave and compelling work from such a young company'*  
Exeunt, on previous show, Daniel.

 @\_footprint

**1 - 3 Aug (Preview)**  
**4 - 27 Aug**  
1.10pm

Venue: **Pleasance Courtyard**

Full Price: **Early week £10.50 /Midweek £9.50 /  
Weekend £8.00**

Concession Price: **Early week £9.50 /Midweek  
£8.50 /Weekend £7.00**

Preview Price: **£6**

[Click here for box office information](#) or call **0131 556 6550**

Supported by Interplay Theatre

## Tarzanne

### Interplay Theatre

This multi-sensory theatre piece beautifully illuminates the story of a girl lost in a jungle at the age of two and reared by a family of Chimpanzees. Exploring attitudes to difference and focusing on the fundamental question of what it is to be human. A unique theatre experience that engages the senses through immersive storytelling and live music.

 @interplayleeds

**2 - 4 Aug**

**6 - 11 Aug**

**13 - 18 Aug**

**20 - 25 Aug**

11.40am (20 - 25 Aug - 12.40pm)

Venue: **The Space @ Triplex**

Price: **£10 / £8** (Family Tickets £28)

[Click here for box office information](#) or call **0113 226 0000**



Supported by Royal Exchange Theatre

# The Greatest Play in the History of the World...

Tara Finney Productions

A love story, set on Preston Road, and also in space and in time. A man wakes in the middle of the night to discover that the world has stopped. Through the crack in his bedroom curtains, he can see no signs of life at all... other than a light in the house opposite where a woman in an over-sized Bowie t-shirt stands, looking back at him...

Starring Julie Hesmondhalgh (Coronation Street, Broadchurch), *The Greatest Play...* is squashed full of exquisite observation and heartbreaking beauty.

 @tara\_finney #GreatestPlay

<b>Thurs 2</b> <b>(Preview)</b>	1.45pm	<b>Wed 15</b>	4.15pm
<b>Fri 3 (Press)</b>	4.15pm	<b>Thurs 16</b>	6.45pm
<b>Sat 4</b>	6.45pm	<b>Fri 17</b>	9.30pm
<b>Sun 5</b>	9.30pm	<b>Sat 18</b>	11.00am
<b>Tues 7</b>	11.00am	<b>Sun 19</b>	1.30pm
<b>Wed 8</b>	1.30pm	<b>Tues 21</b>	4.15pm
<b>Thurs 9</b>	4.15pm	<b>Wed 22</b>	6.45pm
<b>Fri 10</b>	6.45pm	<b>Thurs 23</b>	9.30pm
<b>Sat 11</b>	9.30pm	<b>Fri 24</b>	11.00am
<b>Sun 12</b>	11.00am	<b>Sat 25</b>	1.30pm
<b>Tues 14</b>	1.30pm	<b>Sun 26</b>	3.45pm

Venue: **Traverse Theatre**

Full Price: **£20.50** Preview: **£13 / £9**

Concession Price: **Standard £15.50 / U30s & Students £15.00 / Other £9.50**

[Click here for box office information](#) or call **0131 228 1404**

# The Midnight Soup

Leo Burtin

The Midnight Soup is a piece of theatre during which the audience prepare a meal that they share at the end. It tells the story of an unremarkable woman, who sat down every day to meticulously record her life in a diary, until one day she chose her own death. The Midnight Soup is the love letter of a grandson to his grandmother. It is also an edible memorial, celebrating a life lived to the rhythm of the seasons.

 @olamerino

14 - 19 Aug

21 - 27 Aug

7pm

Venue: **Summerhall**

Price: **£15 / £12**

[Click here for box office information](#) or call **0131 560 1580**



Supported by West Yorkshire Playhouse, HOME Manchester

## Tricky Second Album In Bed With My Brother

In 1988 the KLF wrote The Manual. It revealed the secret of how to get a #1 hit single in the UK music charts. In 2017, we read it. And in 2018, we made a #1, smash-hit, sell-out Fringe theatre show. Our Tricky Second Album. For one night only!

This show will sell out. But will come back due to popular demand so dw. (PS if any1 has a place we can crash frm Aug 15-22 msg us on fbook).

 @inbedwithmybro

**15 Aug**  
**22 Aug**  
10pm

Venue: **Pleasance Courtyard - Forth**

Price: **£11.50 / £10.50**

[Click here for box office information](#) or call **020 7609 1800**



Supported by West Yorkshire Playhouse

# Trojan Horse

## LUNG

By Helen Monks and Matt Woodhead  
LUNG in association with West Yorkshire Playhouse.

*'Why should I continue to be tolerant? When the world has been so intolerant of me.'*

Trojan Horse was a local story that hit the national press, accusing 'hardline' Muslim teachers and governors of plotting extremism in Birmingham schools. Adapted from the real-life testimonies of those at the heart of the UK Government's inquiry, critically acclaimed theatre-company LUNG investigate what really happened. Originally developed with West Yorkshire Playhouse, Trojan Horse is the story of a community torn apart by racial division, 'British values' and the culture of Prevent.

LUNG's previous productions include The 56, Chilcot and E15, which was part of the Northern Stage programme at Summerhall in 2016.

*"Loud, raucous and angry, but also deceptively disciplined and focused"*  
The Guardian (on E15)

 @LungTheatre

**1 - 26 Aug**  
3.15pm

Venue: **Summerhall, Main Hall**

Price: **£12 / £11** (Preview £5)

[Click here for box office information](#) or call **0131 560 1580**



Supported by HOME (Battersea Arts Centre, Cambridge Junction & Lincoln Performing Arts Centre)



## Unconditional

ThisEgg and Stefanie Mueller in association with Hoipolloi and Pleasance

What Josie wants for her mother and Steffi wants for her daughter is the same – a better world. UNCONDITIONAL is about fighting the fight that needs to be fought. It's about slaying the monsters and standing your ground. Both touching and laugh-out-loud hilarious, this show is a joyous celebration of equality and liberation between a mother and her grown-up daughter.

For Me and My Bee:

*'Deliciously eccentric'* Lyn Gardner, Guardian.  
*'Hilarious'* \*\*\*\* Stage

 @ThisEgg\_

**1 - 13 Aug**  
**15 - 24 Aug**  
2.15pm

Venue: **Beside (Pleasance Courtyard)**

Full Price: **£11 / £8.50**

Concession Price: **£10 / £7.50**

Preview Price: **£6.50**

[Click here for box office information](#) or call **020 7609 1800**

Supported by Royal Exchange and Square Chapel Arts



## War With the Newts

### Knaive Theatre

Witness the rise and fall of a new(t) capitalism. Deep below Summerhall, an ocean of opportunity arises as a new resource makes contact. Global risk and technological revolution come together in this immersive experience from internationally award-winning Knaive Theatre with live surround sound installation by sonic artist Robert Bentall. The creators of Edinburgh Fringe 2017 sell-out Bin Laden: The One Man Show bring you a new world-premiere: Karel Capek's apocalyptic science-fiction satire re-imagined for a Europe of tomorrow. Produced in association with Royal Exchange Theatre, Square Chapel and Waterside.

At the discretion of The company life jackets may be provided.

 @KnaiveTheatre

**1 Aug (Preview)**

**3 - 19 Aug**

**21 - 26 Aug**

5pm & 8.15pm (1 Aug - 5pm only)

Venue: **The Machine Shop, Summerhall**

Price: **£12 / £10** (Preview £5)

[Click here for box office information](#) or call **0131 560 1580**







