

Edinburgh Festival Fringe 2015 – Gamer Gamer ****



By Craig Todd

HAVING to wait 10 minutes due to a technical issue was not ideal, nor was having no sound.

Yet, James Smallman did a terrific job as host to entertain the crowd, whilst Lloyd Griffith and Charlie Baker amused fans by revealing they barely play video games.

From the modern day Xboxes and Playstations to the Atari and Sega Mega Drive, this is a show that will be loved by different gaming generations.

Smallman set three challenges: a face-off in Pole Riders, which competitors must score points by using their pole vaults to guide a ball into their opponent's goal.

The second was to complete the first level of Sonic the Hedgehog as quick as possible, bringing laughs as Griffith died after 4 seconds.

The final challenge is a duel on Street Fighter Two, with Griffith infuriating a fuming Baker by using Blanka's electric shock powers.

Fun and quirky, audience interaction was key, as Smallman talked to the crowd about their most difficult games and the innocence of childhood whilst playing Grand Theft Auto with his daughter.

The crowd humming the Tetris theme and Song 2 by Blur were notable mentions, whilst a fan was delighted to beat Griffith in Street Fighter Two.

The show will be unpredictable and chaotic as various comedians attempt the different challenges each day.

[Tickets here](#)