Edinburgh Festival Fringe 2015 REVIEW Gyles Brandreth Word Power! ****

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A packed house at Pleasance was entertained by the wonderful bon vivant, Gyles Brandreth. He is an honest man is our Gyles. In his memoirs, he admits that he was once touted as the next Orson Welles but ended up a man best known for funny jumpers on TV AM. But this man is no underachiever and his word play dazzles throughout the hour.

Mr Brandreth also knows how to play to an audience and uses the whole of the theatre to great effect. He has charm, wit but also a great eye for detail. He is clearly a man in love with language and the modern world and he is also very likeable. That may well be why he is packing them in at the Pleasance.

Tickets here.

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