Edinburgh Festival Fringe 2017 – The 70th Fringe is about to get even frothier!

Eggsistentialism.

Big names - Big egos - Big it up!

Our friends at Premier Entertainments are all in a lather in announcing their super hot Fringe line-up including debuts from Chortle Student Award Winner, <u>Kwame Asante</u> and the Richard Gadd's director <u>Stoph Demetriou</u>. Previous Fringe Favourites include a brand new hour of masterful storytelling from <u>Sarah Kendall</u>; an exciting twist in format for <u>The Dark Room for Kids</u>, an unexpected kids version of the terrifying live interactive game show. There is a fantastic new show from <u>Brendon Burns and Craig Quartermaine</u>, and another freewheeling masterpiece from the unstructured, unhinged, 'the Cardinal of Chaos, the Ayatollah of Abuse, the Duke of Puke' <u>John Robertson</u>. The gymnast of the absurd, do not be fooled by the halo – he was suckled on plutonium.

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John Robertson — more barking than the town of that name!

German punk-pop rockers <u>Otto & Astrid (Die Roten Punkte)</u> present Eurosmash! and we're excited to see a new show from the much loved ballsy New Yorker, <u>Abigoliah Schamaun</u>.

Everyone's favourite foolhardy foot-high puppets <u>Boris &</u> <u>Sergey</u> return with a confusingly named One Man Extravaganza, <u>Yianni Agisilaou</u> brings the show that was recently nominated for Best Comedy at the Perth Fringe 2017 whilst <u>Stuart Black</u> takes us on a dark journey to the depths of his mind.

Making his return to Fringe after 34 years away, is Richard Sparks — writer of Rowan Atkinson's 'Schoolmaster Sketch' and regular writer on Not the Nine O'clock News — bringing his new piece of comedy writing <u>Margarita Dreams</u>. And hotfooting it over to Pleasance with the might of the Showstoppers producer's behind them, comes the hottest new ticket in Improv comedy <u>Murder She Didn't Write</u>

> Murder She Didn't Write - a Who Didn't Do It Mystery.

UP AND COMING ACTS include the charming and Irish <u>Conor Drum</u> and the Irish and charming <u>Danny O'Brien</u>. Character comedy comes in the form of <u>Maddy Anholt</u> and ex-political journalist <u>Francesco De Carlo</u> eager to drag audiences screaming from their comfort zones – and maybe even their erogenous ones as well.

Over in the CABARET & VARIETY section <u>JoJo Bellini</u> beguiles and charms all with her saucy signing, and Korean magical maestros <u>SNAP</u> return after a total sell out 2016.

▼ JoJo Bellini - possibly haughty, definitely naughty.

WILD CARDS, <u>Sarah Bennetto</u> and <u>Marny Godden</u> promise to have some ace deals up their sleeves.

<u>Losers</u> invite audiences to grab a voting handset, meet four dangerously desperate contestants and decide their formidable fates. It's the most nail-biting TV game-show of the decade. With a very dark twist.

The man with the galactic brain-pan, Fringe First winning Canadian rapper Baba Brinkman asks the hard questions in Rap <u>Guide to Consciousness</u> — what is it like to be a baby? We might have to take LSD to find out. How about an octopus? (We will have ours lightly sautéed, please!)

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Following the notable success of *No Child* which debuted at Edinburgh Festival Fringe in 2010, Nilaja Sun returns to The Fringe with her new one-woman show, <u>Pike ST</u>..

Matthew Floyd Jones, (Mannish from Frisky and Mannish) brings his one man show <u>Richard Carpenter is Close to You</u> – a parodytribute to the less talked about half of The Carpenters.

Fresh from huge success at the Adelaide Fringe, <u>Blank Tiles</u> tells the story of World Scrabble Champion, Austin Michaels used to know over 200,000 words. Now Alzheimer's disease is eating away at his memory.

<u>Catherine and Anita</u> is a beautifully bleak comedy. Told over the course of decades this is a story about heartbreak, mental illness, and ultimately how those in need so often slip through life's cracks.

Lists For The End Of The World is a show composed entirely of crowd-sourced lists, from all kinds of people in all kinds of places — including the audience as they queue up to take their seats.

The Man on the Moor Written and performed by Max Dickins of last year's critical smash-hit The Trunk, this one-man play looks at how people come to disappear and the impact on those they leave behind. Eggsistentialism is a comedic, autobiographical journey charting the odyssey that writer/performer Joanne Ryan embarked upon while trying to decide in her final fertile years whether or not to have a child.

Following its Fringe sell out in 2016, <u>SNAP</u>! returns to the Festival. This enormously entertaining magic show boasts a cast of Korea's greatest illusion artists in an enchanting, engaging and hilarious show.

And from gigantic drums to small percussion instruments <u>Tago</u> – <u>Korean Drum II</u> performances are a masterful display of thrilling percussion and precisely choreographed movement.

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