

Edinburgh Festival Fringe 2017 – Ballistic

Explosive one-man show based on real events comes to the Edinburgh Festival Fringe.

BALLISTIC By Alex Packer

Mini Mall Theatre presents Ballistic at Pleasance Courtyard August 2 – 28, 2017 at 2.15pm (no show August 14).



He tries his best with girls. He tries his best with mates. But for all his efforts, things just don't seem to be going right. So he's making a change. Something's triggered him to stand up for himself and reassert his worth. They made him feel small but with just a few clicks he'll become the biggest thing on the internet. But does he have the balls to go through with it? Ballistic is a darkly-comic thriller that asks vital questions about the stories that increasingly define our 21st century narrative.

Age guidance 16+ (strong language & mature themes) Running Time: 60 mins

'With Ballistic I wanted to explore a coming of age story with a difference,' said writer Alex Packer. 'How does a boy who appears to have everything cope with repeated rejection? And how do we label him? A monster with an innocent face, a lost soul with nowhere to turn, or the poster boy for a dangerous underground movement?'

Writer Alex Packer was inspired to write *Ballistic* after reading mass shooter Elliot Rodger's manifesto, 'My Twisted World', which is now widely available online. The 100,000-word document speaks bluntly and obsessively about his rejection by women and unending jealousy of his 'sexually active' peers. Elliot Rodger was responsible for the deaths of six people in a shooting he committed in California in 2014. *Ballistic* also takes inspiration from multiple 'lone wolf attacks', both foiled and realised, which have taken place in the UK and across the world in recent years. *Ballistic* explores the dangerous effects of misogyny and isolation on young men and asks questions about why these events take place and who is responsible. *Ballistic* is Alex's debut play.

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Tickets: Aug 2-4: £5 Aug 15, 21, 22, 28: £8/6 Aug 9, 10, 16, 17,
23, 24: £10/8 Aug 5-8, 11-13, 18-20, 25-27: £12/10