

Edinburgh Festival Fringe 2019 – Alex Kealy: Rationale

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The Caves (“Just Up The Road” room), Just The Tonic

1-25th August @ 18:40 (NOT 12th)

Political comedian and ‘marvellous stand-up’ (The Skinny), Alex Kealy is back with a new hour of comedy about the emotional roots of our rational thoughts. All served with ‘a reservoir of memorable gags’ (The List).

We prize rationality in life, in argument and in politics. But that’s not really how we think – we’re all prejudiced, sentimental bell-ends who see politics through emotional prisms and personal connections...and then tack on a rationale for those gut decisions after the fact. Rationale reveals that, among other things, stink bombs and German classical music can, subconsciously, impact our political choices.

And who better to explore all this than Alex Kealy – a man with strong political convictions undermined in any argument by his massive cowardice and need for absolutely everyone to like him all the time, always. Fortunately, ‘this is clever comedy...one of those shows where you come out feeling like you’ve done yourself some internal damage from laughing so much’ (★★★★ Shortcom).

“Crafts the sort of lines people wish they’d thought of themselves...Alex Kealy is a name to watch.”

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Alex Kealy was a So You Think You’re Funny finalist in his

first year of stand-up and since then has performed on BBC Radio Four Extra as part of the BBC New Comedian Award, as well as reaching the final of the Hobgoblin Comedy Award amongst other new act competitions. Alex made the Evening Standard's Top Jokes of Edinburgh 2017. He was also featured in the iNews' 100 of the best ever jokes and one-liners from the Edinburgh Fringe.



Alex runs The Comedy Grotto in King's Cross, a fortnightly charity fundraiser comedy night. Time Out praises it's "consistently excellent line-ups" that have "comedy connoisseurs drooling" while The Independent raves about its "always well-programmed bashes.'