

# Edinburgh Festival Fringe 2019 – Paradise Lodge

A musical comedy set in a care home, *Paradise Lodge* is based on writer Steve Cooper's experience of caring for his mother-in-law in her final years as she lived with dementia. One in three people will develop dementia and *Paradise Lodge* encourages people to think about the person behind the condition.

Eric and Kylie, a dysfunctional ukulele musical duo called The Doodlebugs, embark on their first gig together at the Paradise Lodge Care Home. Told in a series of touching flashbacks and comic songs from the war years, *Paradise Lodge* transports Vi, Ronnie and the audience back to a time when they had all their lives in front of them – to when they thought they would live forever.

Trying to make sense of dementia and its impact on those affected, *Paradise Lodge* explores the nature of identity, reality and loss, with a bit of Beyonce's Single Ladies thrown in for good measure. A hilarious, heart-wrenching production, it will have audiences laughing, crying and singing their hearts out.

***Paradise Lodge* plays at Underbelly Bristo Square (Dairy Room) as part of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. The show runs from 31st July – 26th August (not 12th) at 1:15pm. Find out more and book tickets [here](#).**

