

Award winning play 1902 returns to Fringe

Three years since 1902 was last staged, Saltire Sky Theatre are proud to announce the return of the OffWestEnd and Broadway Baby Bobby Award winning production at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe 2025 to commemorate Hibernian Football Club turning 150 years old.

1902 will play at the Hibernian Supporters Club in the shadow of Easter Road Stadium for a 20 show run this August with tickets going on sale from Wednesday 2nd April 2025.

Written by award-winning writer Nathan Scott- Dunn, 1902 is an immersive production that delves into the world of Scottish football, telling the story of Hibernian F.C's heroic victory in the 2016 Scottish Cup Final after a 114 year wait through the eyes of four young supporters. This gang of misfits, led by the charismatic Derek "Deeks" Longstaff, spend their days in the doom and gloom of their local pub 'The Dug & Duck' contemplating their unhappy existence, but the tone shifts, when through some miracle, Hibs have made it to the Scottish Cup Final.



1902 – CUP FINAL (Pictured, Alexander Arran-Cowan, Nathan Scott-Dunn & Josh Brock)



1902 – CRAIG & DEEKS (Pictured, Jonny Tulloch & Nathan Scott Dunn)



1902 – Tony (Pictured, Sands Stirling)

With a sudden buzz, the boys decide they will do whatever it takes to be there to see them lift the cup, even if it means biting off more than they can chew borrowing money from local loan-shark Craig Turnbull. When Deeks' estranged brother is the only one left to help the boys, we discover the men behind the bravado in a tale of family, friendship and passion for their team.

1902 was the first production staged by Saltire Sky in 2017 and went on to sell out five consecutive Fringe festivals alongside select performances across Scotland including a run at Easter Road Stadium and a tour of England in 2022 in association with Arts Council England.

Saltire Sky have since worked on "Bits 'N' Pieces" in partnership with Edinburgh based harm reduction charity Crew 2000 that went on to win Best Scottish Production at the Scottish Theatre Awards 2022 and "MANikin", a one man show tackling male body image and mental health with the British Obesity Society which was nominated for the same award alongside the Bright Spark Award for Emerging Talent in 2023.

Artistic Director of Saltire Sky and Writer of 1902, Nathan Scott-Dunn, said of the return: "Bringing 1902 back to the Fringe this year isn't just about football—it's about the people who shape this city.

"This play was built on the passion, humor, and resilience of working-class communities, the ones who live and breathe every high and low, on and off the pitch. With Hibs celebrating 150 years, there's no better time to tell their story again, in their city, on their terms. This is theatre for them."

Company Manager and Co-Director of 1902, Sands Stirling, also remarked about the show: "We've heard the calls for the show to return and now is the perfect time. The Fringe will give us

a platform to once again reach lifelong fans of the club whilst also welcoming international guests into the heart of Leith.

“Performing at the Hibernian Supporters Club will only make this years shows more electric than ever and our cast will also be a blend of returning faces alongside some new signings so there will be something fresh for even our most loyal of audiences.”

Sat 2nd Aug – Sun 24th August (Excl. Wed 6th, 13th & 20th)

7:30pm (Doors 7pm / Duration: 90 Minutes)

Hibernian Supporters Club, Venue 499 11 Sunnyside, Edinburgh,
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