

# HARRY & CHRIS TAKE JOYRIDE TO LEICESTER SQUARE THEATRE

*This Flight of the Conchords-esque duo mix their talents as a poet (Harry) and musician (Chris) into a wonderful blend of infectious songs packed with sharp, clever wordplay ★★★★★ Sunday Post*

*[Harry Baker's] intricate, quick-fire rhymes have always been on the impressive side of mind-blowing, but in a new and unexpected departure, he's teamed up with the honey-toned singer and jazz guitarist Chris to create a bewitching new sound The Scotsman*

Rap-Jazz-Comedy duo **Harry & Chris** are set to bring their feel good charm to Leicester Square Theatre on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February as they host Joyride, their mixed bill comedy and cabaret night accompanied by an on stage band following two triumphant sold out shows at the venue. They'll be joined by special guests **Bec Hill** (*"Exuberant, daft and inventive"* The Scotsman) and **Josh Idehen** (*"A real sense of emotion and humour"* Resident Advisor) who's performances will be interspersed by the pair performing their classic songs that have seen them described as *"inspiring Instagram posts in human form"* (Chortle) as well as some new numbers.

Since their second sell-out run at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe and their first nationwide tour, Harry & Chris became a regular feature on *The Russell Howard Hour* (Sky) creating original songs, and have performed on *The Arts Show with Jonathan Ross* (BBC Radio 2).

World Poetry Slam Champion, performance poet (and maths student) **Harry Baker's** poem about prime numbers has been shared on [TED.com](http://TED.com) and has been translated into 20 different languages with a combined viewership of 3 million along with his other 4 TEDx talks. Harry's blistering wordplay (★★★★★ Three Weeks) has seen him coined as *'a champion'* by **Ed Sheeran**, *'a show stealer'* by **Scroobius Pip** and **Scott Mills** described a performance on his BBC Radio 1 show as *'the greatest thing I've ever seen'*. Harry's debut anthology, *The Sunshine Kid* was published with Burning Eye in 2014 and a subsequent show of the same name was voted *Best Spoken Word* show of the Edinburgh Fringe Festival 2015.

Acclaimed musician **Chris Read** (*'Brilliant'* Evening Standard) is an *'up-and-coming talent'* (All About Jazz) on the UK jazz scene and performs regularly around the country, as well as overseas including the Lincoln Centre in New York and at many festivals including Montreux Jazz Festival, and the Cheltenham Jazz Festival. 2016 saw him release his debut album *If I Knew*. Chris also performs regularly as a solo artist and with the Chris Read Quartet and writes for stage and screen.

## What The Press Has Said About Harry & Chris

*A charming and uplifting hour of good tunes, sharp lyrics, and endearing performers ★★★★★ Fest*

*Often ingenious, often beautifully simple, always creative and always hilarious ★★★★★ Just For Culture*

*Harry Baker and Chris Read are blisteringly talented ★★★★★Fringe Guru*

*Their work will leave you heart-warmed and encouraged ★★★★★ Three Weeks*

*A combination of catchy hooks and breath-taking verbal ingenuity makes this a winning hour... The quality and quantity of laughs on offer is generous and yet the show is cynicism-free, the tone unapologetically feel-good ★★★★★ Broadway Baby*

*Baker and Read have confidently established themselves as the apex of jazz-poetry duoships ★★★★★ Scots Gay*

## LISTINGS INFORMATION

### Harry & Chris – JOYRIDE

Venue: Leicester Square Theatre

Dates: 20<sup>th</sup> February

Time: 7pm

Tickets: <http://www.harryandchris.com/>

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