

# HARRY & CHRIS RETURN TO THE FRINGE TO SAVE THE WORLD WITH BRAND NEW SHOW AHEAD OF NATIONWIDE TOUR

*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*

*The pair are inspiring Instagram posts in human form Chortle*

Following on from a nationwide tour and sell-out Fringe last year, *The Russell Howard Hour* (Sky) regulars, *World Poetry Slam Champ* **Harry Baker** & Jazz virtuoso **Chris Read**, return to the festival with their third Comedy-Rap-Jazz show '*Harry & Chris Save The World*' at Just The Tonic, Cask Room from 2<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> August at 2:25pm.

Last year their family friendly songs prevented an apocalypse and almost saved pandas from extinction. Now that they're drunk on Comedy-Rap-Jazz power, they're hoping to live up to these outrageous claims in their latest hour of music, lyrics and belly laughs. But can a musician and poet best-friend-double-act save the world from impending doom? All we know is that their act has been crowned by almighty talk show host **Jonathan Ross** as "*fabulously entertaining*".

World Poetry Slam Champion, performance poet (and maths student) **Harry Baker**'s poem about prime numbers has been shared on [TED.com](https://www.ted.com) and has been translated into 21 different languages with a combined viewership of over 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 at venues 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 is working on a new musical for stage and screen.

Having played together in various forms for 10 years, Harry and Chris performed their debut hour at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe in 2016 which they've since toured across the UK, earning them a *Leicester Comedy Festival Award* nomination in 2016.

## What The Press Has Said About Harry & Chris

*[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*

*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*

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

## LISTINGS INFORMATION

### Harry & Chris – The Harry & Chris Save The World

Venue: Just The Tonic, The Cask Room  
Date & Time: 2<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2:25pm (55min)  
Web: <http://www.harryandchris.com/>

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