

COMEDY AWARD WINNER ROSE MATAFEO EXTENDS SOHO THEATRE RUN AHEAD OF CHANNEL 4 DEBUT

It's another effervescent comedy from this star in the making ★★★★★ Brian Logan, Guardian

Rose Matafeo is going to be huge ★★★★★ Alice Jones, The I

This Kiwi livewire has been on the cusp of breaking through in the UK for a couple of years and Horndog feels like her moment ★★★★★ Bruce Dessau, Evening Standard

Building on the triumph of an award winning run at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, 2018's *Comedy Award Winner Rose Matafeo* extends the run of her celebrated and critically-acclaimed show *Horndog* to meet overwhelming demand as tickets sold out shortly after release. Doubling the number of performances, Rose is performing *Horndog* at Soho Theatre from 17th – 29th September 2018 with additional dates on 7th – 19th January 2019. Tickets can be found at SohoTheatre.com.

The news arrives as Channel 4 announce a brand new commission of Rose's three part pilot *Rose Matafeo: Temp*, marking her writing debut with the network. Set to be filmed this year, Rose's pilot forms the latest installment in the iconic *Comedy Blaps* series which has provided the birthplace for hit shows such as *Chewing Gum*, *GameFace*, *High & Dry*, and *Stath Lets Flats*.

A whirlwind of stand-up, sketch and mid 20s angst, *Horndog* has enjoyed successful performances around the world with sell-out shows at the New Zealand International Comedy Festival, a Barry Award nominated run at the Melbourne Comedy Festival, and most recently at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe where it was crowned *Best Show* at the prestigious *Edinburgh Comedy Awards*. The show was simultaneously highlighted as one of the best shows at the Fringe in the *Guardian*, *Vogue*, *Evening Standard*, *The Mirror*, *Chortle*, and *British Comedy Guide*.

Rose is a regular face on TV having featured on *Have I Got News For You* (BBC One), *W1A* (BBC One), *Unspun with Matt Forde* (Dave), **Jon Richardson's** *Ultimate Worrier* (Dave) and *The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice* (Channel 4) in the UK, while in New Zealand Rose is the head writer and star of *Funny Girls* (TV3) which is in its third series, and a regular on panel show *7 Days* (Three Now NZ). She has also written and starred on New Zealand comedy show *Jono And Ben At Ten* (TV3, NZ) where she interviewed the likes of **Amy Poehler**, **Jim Carrey**, **Bill Hader**, and **Amy Schumer**. Rose has acted in **Liam Williams'** web series *Pls Like* (BBC Three) and starred in an episode of **Tom Craine's** *Climaxed* (BBC Three).

Rose started stand-up at the age of 15 and has since staged six solo shows as part of the New Zealand International Comedy Festival. In 2010 she won Best Newcomer at the New Zealand International Comedy Festival, and went on to win the prestigious Billy T Award in 2013. Rose has also performed on the 2014 and 2015 NZ International Comedy Gala and has opened for **Reggie Watts** and **Rob Delaney** in both New Zealand and the UK.

WHAT THE PRESS HAS SAID ABOUT HORNDOG:

The Rose Matafeo bandwagon is about to leave: I recommend you take a seat...See this winning 26-year-old this year and you'll have bragging rights to hold over your friends in a few years' time when she's jumped to bigger venues ★★★★★ Herald Sun

A real force of nature ★★★★★ Paul Fleckney, Chortle

The 26-year-old Kiwi's comedy resonates, her charisma is undeniable ★★★★★ Craig Angus, The List

Comics don't come much more exciting than Rose Matafeo ★★★★★ Fergus Morgan, Fest

Such positivity and exuberance mixed with real smarts and stand-up chops are a rare treat indeed ★★★★★ Tony Makos, The Skinny

Horndog is a superbly funny show from a wonderful comic at the top of her game ★★★★★ Daisy Malt, Three Weeks

Matafeo has a wonderful stage presence and a magnetic draw ★★★★★ Sam Nead, Voice Magazine

It's delightfully daggy, wonderfully quirky, and full of unexpected goofiness while supported by a foundation of expertly crafted, observational humour ★★★★★ 5 The Age

She's effortlessly charming ★★★★★ Kevin Wight, The Wee Review

There is no way you can go to a Rose Matafeo show and not have fun ★★★★★ Kate Stone, Funny Women

Wonderfully clever and heartwarming ★★★★★ Veronica Lee, Arts Desk

LISTINGS INFORMATION

Rose Matafeo - Horndog

Venue: Soho Theatre

Dates: 7th – 19th January

Time: 9:30pm

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