

# AWARD-WINNING STAND UP COMEDIAN PHIL WANG TO PERFORM BRAND NEW SHOW 'KINABALU' AT THE EDINBURGH FESTIVAL FRINGE AHEAD OF NATIONWIDE TOUR

*"Certain belly laughs" \*\*\*\* The Sunday Times*

Following three sold-out and critically-acclaimed runs at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe as a solo stand-up and two runs with 2015 *Foster's Edinburgh Best Newcomer Award* nominated sketch group Daphne, award-winning PHIL WANG returns to perform Kinabalu from 2<sup>nd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> August at the Pleasance Beneath at 7pm. After Edinburgh, PHIL will embark on his first nationwide tour from 29<sup>th</sup> September -26<sup>th</sup> November.

PHIL is a son of the British Empire. But in a world suddenly intent on building walls and bolstering borders, what is a Commonwealth man to do? A blistering new hour of comedy gold – that's what.

The Eurasian stand-up's cerebral charm has seen him quickly become established on the airwaves. In the last year alone, PHIL has appeared on Live at the Apollo (BBC2), Have I Got News For You (BBC1), Would I Lie to You? (BBC1), 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown (C4), Dave's Unspun With Matt Forde (as the show's regular Asian Correspondent), Jack Dee's Inauguration Helpdesk (BBC2) and Drunk History (Comedy Central). He has also written and starred in his own sketch series for BBC Radio 4 with Daphne, which has been commissioned for a second series.

An internationally-acclaimed live act, PHIL has performed three solo stand-up shows (2015's Philth, 2014's Mellow Yellow and 2013's Anti-Hero) in the UK as well as overseas at festivals including Montreal Just for Laughs Festival and Melbourne International Comedy Festival. In 2016 PHIL toured Asia – performing in Hong Kong, Japan, Malaysia and Singapore.

Previous television appearances include The John Bishop Show (BBC1), Russell Howard's Stand Up Central, Comedy Central At The Comedy Store (both Comedy Central) and a regular role in the BBC3 cult sitcom Top Coppers. He has also appeared on Funniest Moments of 2014 (Channel 4), Three at the Fringe (BBC3) and on Fresh From the Fringe and Best Behaviour (both BBC Radio 4) and the Comedy Live Lounge (BBC Radio 1).

## What the press has said about Phil Wang

*"A well-rounded young comic headed for greater things" Steve Bennett, Chortle*

*"He's an intelligent, attuned observer and his thoughts reward attentive listening" Jay Richardson, The Scotsman*

*"Bright spark setting Edinburgh alight ★★★★★" Sharon Lougher, Metro*

*"One of the more appealing – and cerebral – stand-ups to have emerged on the circuit in recent years" Mark Monahan, The Telegraph*

## LISTINGS INFORMATION

### Phil Wang – Kinabalu

Venue: Beneath, Pleasance

Date: 2nd - 27th Aug (not 14th)

Time: 7pm

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