



*"Ingenious silliness, a delight to witness"* Stephanie Merritt, **The Observer**

ALEX HORNE returns to the Edinburgh Festival Fringe with a special two-week run of his 2014 *Foster's Comedy Award* nominated show Monsieur Butterfly. Stupidly ambitious, logistically problematic, potentially disastrous, this is the show ALEX has wanted to make for a decade.

Remember that board game, Mousetrap, where you had to build a complicated machine to catch a mouse? Now that was a brilliant board game, wasn't it? And you know that Honda advert, where all the car parts collided to make a thing happen? Now that was a brilliant advert, wasn't it? Of course, Mousetrap was a game for kids which meant you lost the rubber band and the ball-bearing would always fall off the chute. And that Honda ad actually took nine months to set up, cost a million pounds and was still only successful on the 660<sup>th</sup> attempt. Well, in this unprecedented comedy experience, you can watch ALEX HORNE attempt something similar in just 56 minutes. He'll have just one chance. He has not spent a million pounds. (He has, however, invested over £85 on eBay, made over ten trips to Wickes and bought a second-hand van).

Away from the live stage, Alex has created, produced, and alongside Greg Davies, stars in Taskmaster; a brand new series for UKTV's Dave beginning on July 28<sup>th</sup>. Based on his successful Edinburgh show of the same name, Taskmaster's contestants are Roisin Conaty, Tim Key, Romesh Ranganathan, Frank Skinner and Josh Widdicombe.

Following a fifth consecutive sell-out run at the 2014 Edinburgh Festival, this year ALEX HORNE and THE HORNE SECTION will once again bring their unique mix of stand up, feel-good spectacle and jaw-dropping musicianship to the Fringe with a brand new show, The Horne Section's Questions Sessions

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#### **LISTINGS INFORMATION**

##### **Alex Horne - Monsieur Butterfly**

Venue: Pleasance Forth, Pleasance Courtyard  
Date: 15<sup>th</sup> July - 29<sup>th</sup> August  
Time: 7pm  
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## PRAISE FOR MONSIEUR BUTTERFLY

*Take your kids, take your granddad but get them to wee before they go in because once this show starts you quite simply could not bring yourself to leave ★★★★★* **The Scotsman**

★★★★★ **Metro**

*Funny fresh and original ★★★★★* **The Times**

*A delight of a show ★★★★★* **The Independent**

★★★★★ **The Guardian**

★★★★★ **Evening Standard**

★★★★★ **Time Out**

★★★★★ **Mail on Sunday**

★★★★★ **Chortle**

★★★★★ **The List**

### Notes to editors

ALEX's television credits include co-hosting two series of We Need Answers (BBC4), Dave's One Night Stand (Dave), Celebrity Mastermind (BBC1) Fifteen to One (Channel 4), Drunk History (Comedy Central) and The Games That Time Forgot, a documentary ALEX wrote and presented for BBC Four. ALEX has hosted three series of the iTunes chart-topping, *Chortle Award* nominated podcast ALEX HORNE BREAKS THE NEWS. To date ALEX HORNE has written nine solo stand-up shows including 2003's *Best Newcomer Perrier Award* nominated Making Fish Laugh and 2004's *Chortle Award* winning Every Body Talks.

Alongside his band The Horne Section, ALEX has hosted Nevermind the Buzzcocks (BBC Two) and three series of the acclaimed Alex Horne Presents: The Horne Section (BBC Radio 4). The band appeared on John Bishop's Christmas Show (BBC One) and in dictionary corner on 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown (Channel 4).