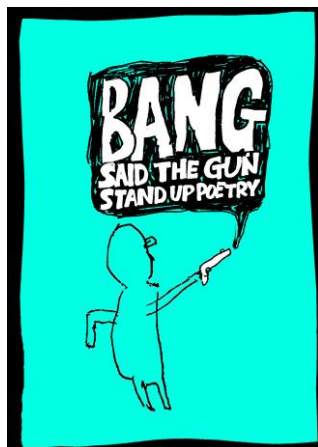


BUILDING ON LONDON SUCCESS, SPOKEN WORD NIGHT BANG SAID THE GUN SET TO TOUR UK THEATRES IN 2017



POETRY FOR PEOPLE WHO DON'T LIKE POETRY.

After taking London by storm with a sell-out residency at the Bloomsbury Theatre and raucous performances at the Udderbelly Festival and Leicester Square Theatre in 2016, the best poetry night in the UK (voted by the Times), Bang Said The Gun is set to tour theatres nationwide next year from 12th March to 28th July with a host of special guests.

Starting as an antidote to dreary poetry and even drearier poetry nights, co-founders DAN COCKRILL and MARTIN GALTON established the spoken word club in a pub in Soho before it transferred to a pub in Bermondsey. The rich mix of new talent performing alongside some of the most established names in poetry including ROGER MCGOUGH CBE (BBC Radio 4's Poetry Please presenter), KATE TEMPEST (*Ted Hughes award* winner), HOLLIE MCNISH (around 4 million hits on YouTube), SIR ANDREW MOTION (ex Poet Laureate) and RIZZLE KICKS (platinum selling hip-hop duo), trademark makeshift maracas and anarchic spirit quickly gained a cult following and was soon being played to packed audiences on a weekly basis. Since January, the raw, fast-moving and highly-energised night has continued its rise with a completely sold out monthly residency at the Bloomsbury Theatre (which carries in to 2017) and various one-off shows including an Edinburgh Festival Fringe performance.

COCKRILL says: *"we have dragged poetry kicking and screaming into the 21st Century"*

GALTON says: *"the night is a rollercoaster of emotion...It's loud and raucous, as political as it's trivial as serious as its funny."*

Bang Said The Gun has had 15 films broadcast on Channel 4 and an anthology, Mud Wrestling With Words published with Burning Eye Books. The show has also played to audiences in the North-West with Bang Said The Gun: Manchester and across the Atlantic with Bang Said The Gun: New York.

Additional Bang members include ROB AUTON (shortlisted for *Arts Foundation Spoken Word Award* and former Glastonbury poet in residence) and LAURIE BOLGER (shortlisted for *Young Poet Laureate for London* and former Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park poet in residence).

What has been said about BSTG:

A raucous combination of poetry and comedy **The Telegraph**

Grabs poetry by its shoulders and shakes it until dirty, funny words fall out **Londonist**

Like all the best things in life, BSTG is done with belief and passion **Phill Jupitus**

There has never been a show quite like this before. It's time is now **Murray Lachlan Young**

It's like mud wrestling with words **Kate Tempest**

BSTG is a vortex of energy and enthusiasm **Andrew Motion**

With thanks to Nationwide Building Society for supporting Bang Said The Gun's first national tour

Tickets are available to buy here www.bangsaidthegun.com

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BANG SAID THE GUN DATES TOUR DATES:

Date	Venue
12-Mar-17	Stafford Gatehouse Met
26-Mar-17	Sheffield City Hall, Memorial Hall
01-Apr-17	Leeds City Varieties
21-Apr-17	Colchester Arts Centre
05-May-17	Fareham, Ashcroft Arts Centre
12-May-17	Durham Gala Theatre
13-May-17	Salford Lowry, The Studio
20-May-17	Brighton Festival, The Spire
30-Jun-17	Canterbury Marlowe Theatre Studio
08-Jul-17	Aldershot West End Centre
28-Jul-17	Hull Truck Theatre

BLOOMSBURY THEATRE RESIDENCY DATES:

Date	Venue
24-Nov-16	Bloomsbury Theatre
15-Dec-16	Bloomsbury Theatre
26-Jan-17	Bloomsbury Theatre
23-Feb-17	Bloomsbury Theatre
30-Mar-17	Bloomsbury Theatre
27-Apr-17	Bloomsbury Theatre
25-May-17	Bloomsbury Theatre