

DUE TO POPULAR DEMAND, BANG SAID THE GUN EXTEND THEIR SOHO THEATRE RESIDENCY INTO 2018

POETRY FOR PEOPLE WHO DON'T LIKE POETRY.

Poetry pioneers **Bang Said The Gun** continue their rise as the Best Poetry Night in the UK (voted by the Times) performing a further three shows at Soho Theatre in 2018, having taken their trademark raucous stand-up poetry to the venue last year. The spoken word impresarios will showcase their latest verse on 26th January featuring specials guests *4 Talent*, *The Stage*, and *Fringe First Award* winner **Luke Wright** and *Ferrago Slam* winner **Sophie Cameron**, with more poetry spectaculars on the 26th of February and March.

Started 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 Borough. Since January 2016, the raw, fast-moving and highly-energised night has continued its rise with a completely sold out monthly residency at the Bloomsbury Theatre, various one-off shows including an Underbelly Festival performance and a UK tour. The collective feature a rich mix of new talent and some of the most established names in poetry, with special guests including **Roger McGough CBE** (BBC Radio 4's *Poetry Please* presenter), **Kate Tempest** (*Ted Hughes* award winner), **Tim Key** (star of *The Alan Partridge Movie*), **Sir Andrew Motion** (ex Poet Laureate), and **Hollie McNish** (*Ted Hughes Winner 2017*). Mention TOUR triumphant UK tour

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 **Kyra Hanson, Londonist**

London's premier spoken word night **Wendy Davies, London Le Cool**

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**

Bang Said The Gun is a vortex of energy and enthusiasm **Andrew Motion**

LISTINGS INFORMATION

Bang Said The Gun – Soho Theatre

Date & Times: 26th January 11:30pm, 26th February 7:30pm, and 26th March 7:30pm

Tickets: www.bangsaidthegun.com/

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