MULTI-AWARD WINNING MUSICAL COMEDY DUO FLO & JOAN FOLLOW UP LAST YEAR'S SOLD-OUT FRINGE RUN WITH BRAND NEW SHOW 'BEFORE THE SCREAMING STARTS'

"Musical comedy hasn't been in such safe hands for years" **Brian Donaldson, The List**

"these intricately crafted, flawlessly performed numbers will have you howling with laughter one minute, wiping away a tear the next" ★★★★ **Rupert Hawksley, The Telegraph**

"[they] briefly appear to be a jolly musical double act, but tear that to pieces about two bars into the first, perfectly timed song" ★★★★ **Steve Armstrong, Sunday Times**

"If Flanders & Swann and Flight of the Conchords and Garfunkel & Oates had a six-way time-travelling gang-bang that somehow mixed all their DNA, the offspring might end up sounding something like Flo & Joan" **Chortle**

Following a complete sell-out run at last year's Edinburgh Festival Fringe which saw them add five extra shows, Chortle and Leicester Comedy Award winners Flo & Joan return to the Fringe with their brand new hour of musical comedy *Before the Screaming Starts* from 1st August to 25th August at 6pm at Assembly Piccolo Tent.

In January, the suspiciously unsimilar sisters Flo & Joan - whose songs have racked up over 50 million views online - watched the Bros documentary. Through the tension and arguments of estranged siblings Matt and Luke Goss, Flo & Joan glimpsed a possible future waiting for them; a lot of dog portraits, male pattern baldness and the occasional argument over the use of pyrotechnics. Despite this ominous foreshadowing, they are doing their best to ignore the warning signs and focus on writing some more waggish songs to parade about the place.

Nicola and **Rosie** previously had an enormous viral hit online with their *2016 Song* which was subsequently featured on websites including Comedy Central (where it was video of the day worldwide), A.V. Club, Glamour and Stylist, as well as previously writing and starring in a series of adverts for Nationwide Building Society, with their video *Sisters* being rated YouTube's most popular advert in January 2018. Nicola and Rosie have appeared on *Rob Delaney's Stand Up Central* (Comedy Central), *The Now Show* (BBC Radio 4) and *Fresh from the Fringe* (BBC Radio 4), written and performed two songs for *Horrible Histories* (CBBC), and established a sell-out monthly residency hosted at London's Brasserie Zedel.

In 2016, 2017 and 2019 they were part of the *Best of the Fest* selections at Toronto and Montreal Sketchfests, also winning the *Now Audience Choice Award* in Toronto. Their Canadian TV credits include CBC's flagship comedy show *This Hour Has 22 Minutes*, and a series of videos for CBC Online.

What has been said about Flo & Joan

"Side-splitting" ★★★★★ **Ross Crae, Sunday Post**

"Their style is stiletto sharp, their diction perfect as they race through their complex rhymes" **Bruce Dessau, Evening Standard**

"endlessly charming, catchy, and bloody brilliant" **Kayleigh Dray, Stylist**

"Should you require a respite from reality, please delight in the medicine of two warbling deadpan champions" **Nick Offerman**

EDINBURGH FRINGE LISTINGS INFORMATION

Flo & Joan – Before the Screaming Starts

Venue: Assembly Piccolo Tent

Date & Time: 1st August to 25th August at 6pm (excluding 10th August)

Duration: 60 min

Web: www.floandjoan.com

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