

# CHORTLE AWARD WINNERS FLO & JOAN RETURN TO EDINBURGH FESTIVAL FRINGE WITH 'ALIVE ON STAGE'

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

★★★★

**Rupert Hawksley, The Telegraph**

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

**Bruce Dessau, Evening Standard**

*"The siblings sing quickly and crisply, packing plenty of gags into their intricate lyrics...the response at the end of the set was explosive"*

**Steve Bennett, Chortle**

*"endlessly charming, catchy, and bloody brilliant"*

**Kayleigh Dray, Stylist**

*"every tune's a winner"*

★★★★

**Brian Donaldson, The List**

Following a sell-out run at last year's Fringe and two stints at London's Soho Theatre with their critically acclaimed debut show *The Kindness of Strangers*, Chortle and Leicester Comedy Award winners **Flo & Joan** – creators of viral hit *The 2016 Song* – will return to the festival performing at with their brand new hour *Alive On Stage* at the Pleasance Cabaret Bar from 1<sup>st</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> August at 4:00pm.

Having sold out their entire run at last year's Fringe, *Alive On Stage* sees the suspiciously unsimilar sisters return to the Festival with an all new hour of their darkly witty/wittily dark numbers on weddings, sex robots and Leslie Ash, although probably not all in the same song.

**Nicola** and **Rosie** are currently starring in a series of adverts for Nationwide Building Society, with their video *Sisters* being rated YouTube's most popular advert in January. Their viral hit *The 2016 Song* has been viewed over 45 million times on social media and was featured on websites including Comedy Central (where it was video of the day), A.V. Club, Glamour and Stylist. Having spent two years working with the renowned improv company Second City in Toronto, Nicola and Rosie have recently settled back in the UK, where they have appeared on BBC Radio 4's *The Now Show* and *Fresh from the Fringe*, and established a monthly residency at London's Brasserie Zedel. In 2016 and 2017 they were part of the *Best of the Fest* selections at both the Montreal and Toronto 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 they have recorded a series of videos for CBC Online.

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