HARRY & CHRIS RETURN TO THE FRINGE WITH INTERGALACTIC COMEDY-RAP-JAZZ AHEAD OF NATIONAL TOUR

A wonderful blend of infectious songs packed with sharp, clever wordplay ★★★★★ **Sunday Post**

A charming and uplifting hour of good tunes, sharp lyrics, and endearing performers ★★★★ **Fest**

The duo combines Harry's inventive lyricism and punalicious language with Chris's musical ingenuity to put on a truly capturing and uplifting show ★★★★ **Edinburgh Guide**

Comedy-Rap-Jazz duo and *Guardian Pick of the Fringe 2018* **Harry & Chris** return to the festival following three sold out national tours with their latest blend of award-winning wordplay, awe-inspiring musicality, eyebrow-raising bromance and unashamed joy. Their fourth show *This One's For the Aliens* will be performed at the Udderbelly, White Belly from 1st – 24th August at 6:40pm, before the pair embark on their 3rd national tour from October to December.

In an era where life on Mars is looking increasingly likely, **Harry Baker** and **Chris Read** have set up their very own PR agency to take on the mammoth challenge of spinning planet earth to the rest of the universe. Reaching out to our extra-terrestrial fellows, they want to unite people from all walks of life and take down the political and cultural borders that alienate and divide. We're all aliens in one way or another and the nation's favourite comedy-rap-jazz duo are ready to spread the love of inter-stellar proportions.

Together the pair have generated a devoted following with their family friendly, feel-good songs which have been featured on *The Russell Howard Hour* (Sky), and heard on BBC Radio 2's *Live From the Edinburgh Fringe*, and BBC Radio 3's *The Verb*. Having played together in various forms for over 10 years, Harry and Chris performed their debut hour at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe in 2016 which they've since toured across the UK, earning them a *Leicester Comedy Festival Award* nomination in 2016, followed by two further shows at the Edinburgh Fringe in 2017 and 2018 which performed to sold-out audiences and went on to tour the UK. The Hook created a music video for their World Cup Song which was released in June 2018, and the pair performed their first joint TedX talk '*Finding Joy Through Comedy-Rap-Jazz'* in July 2018, which will be followed by their TEDxExeter talk due to be released this summer.

World Poetry Slam Champion, performance poet (and maths student) **Harry Baker**'s poem about prime numbers has been shared on TED.com and has been translated into 21 different languages with a combined viewership of over 3 million along with his other 4 TEDx talks. Harry's blistering wordplay (★★★★★ Three Weeks) has seen him coined as '*a champion'* by **Ed Sheeran**, *'a show stealer'* by **Scroobius Pip** and **Scott Mills** described a performance on his BBC Radio 1 show as *'the greatest thing I've ever seen'*. Harry's debut anthology, *The Sunshine Kid* was published with Burning Eye in 2014 and a subsequent show of the same name was voted *Best Spoken Word* show of the Edinburgh Fringe Festival 2015. Harry will be performing a solo comedy show throughout the Fringe at Underbelly, Belly Laugh ay 11:40am.

Acclaimed musician **Chris Read** (*'Brilliant'* Evening Standard) is hailed as an '*up-and-coming talent'* (All About Jazz) on the UK music scene and performs regularly around the country, as well as overseas at venues including the Lincoln Centre in New York and the Montreux Jazz Festival. He's released multiple EPs and a full-length jazz album, and is currently composing and songwriting for a television musical (to be announced). Chris will be performing a musical comedy solo show through the Fringe at Fingers' Piano Bar on the Free Fringe at 2pm.

WHAT THE PRESS HAS SAID ABOUT HARRY & CHRIS:

Their latest fringe offering makes for a pleasantly diverting hour **Guardian**

[Harry Baker's] intricate, quick-fire rhymes have always been on the impressive side of mind-blowing, but in a new and unexpected departure, he's teamed up with the honey-toned singer and jazz guitarist Chris to create a bewitching new sound **The Scotsman**

They display more comic flair in the first 20 minutes than most musical comedians manage in an hour **Chortle**

It's a thoroughly enjoyable show packed with clever lyrics that'll... leave you awestruck ★★★★ **Sunday Post**

Often ingenious, often beautifully simple, always creative and always hilarious ★★★★★ **Just For Culture**

Chris Read's proficiency on guitar provides competent hooks upon which Baker can hang his talents for badinage **The Wee Review**

Harry Baker and Chris Read are blisteringly talented ★★★★★**Fringe Guru**

Their work will leave you heart-warmed and encouraged ★★★★ **Three Weeks**

Baker and Read have confidently established themselves as the apex of jazz-poetry duoships ★★★★ **Scots Gay**

LISTING INFORMATION:

Harry & Chris – This One's For The Aliens
Venue: Underbelly, White Belly
Time: 6:40pm
Dates: 1st – 24th August
Twitter: @Harrynchris

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