

JONNY & THE BAPTISTS SPREAD THE LOVE AT EDINBURGH FESTIVAL FRINGE 2019 AHEAD OF NATIONWIDE TOUR

★★★★ The Guardian ★★★★★ The Times ★★★★★ The Independent ★★★★★ Metro ★★★★★ Chortle ★★★★★ Fest
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Multi-award nominated musical-activist-comedians **Jonny & The Baptists** return to the Edinburgh Festival Fringe with *Love Edinburgh and Hate Bastards* before embarking on a 33 date UK tour this Autumn. Their latest concoction of politically charged, raucous acoustic mayhem will be performed at Assembly Roxy, Upstairs from 1st – 25th August at 7pm.

Jonny & The Baptists (**Jonny Donahoe & Paddy Gervers**) love everyone and want to make a world that no longer communicates through cruelty and unkindness. But is that possible without giving up your politics and your principles? The musical comedy duo's 6th show hopes to cross the divide and bring people together the only way they know how, with musical brilliance and thought-provoking lyrics. Their unique brand of silly, satirical songs and comedy-rock anthems will explore themes of tribalism, privilege, and knowing when to admit you're wrong.

The musical satirists are regularly featured on BBC Radio 4's *The Now Show* as well as regular appearances on *The Infinite Monkey Cage*, *Live From Television Centre* and *Sketchorama* (BBC Radio 4). They have supported **Mark Thomas** on tour and appeared at major festivals including Latitude, Kaleidoscope, and Greenbelt, while their single *Farage* topped the iTunes comedy chart.

WHAT THE PRESS HAS SAID ABOUT JONNY & THE BAPTISTS

Politically energised, raucously silly...broad, daft and punchy

★★★★ The Guardian

Wickedly amusing

★★★★ The Times

Superbly crafted

★★★★ Metro

Top 10 UK Comedy Talents: Uproarious rock'n' ROFL-ing... the melodies are as good as the punchlines

★★★★ The Independent on Sunday

Seriously funny

★★★★ The Stage

It's thought-provoking, lyrically brilliant fun of the highest order

★★★★★ Exuent

Fieriness and heart... The enthusiasm, avidity and passion of the band radiate well after the gig has finished

★★★★ The List

Frank, fresh, funny – and something completely different, even a contemporary Flanders and Swann

★★★★ WhatsOnStage

Brilliant... The closest thing the Fringe has to rock gods

★★★★ Fest

The duo have built the perfect balance between hard-hitting satire and juvenile playfulness to convey their much appreciated comedy stylings surrounding this modern day topic

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **Three Weeks**

This lively show combining music and comedy is a real Edinburgh highlight

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **British Theatre Guide**

Biting satire

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **Edinburgh Reporter**

A boisterous hour of toe-tappin, guitar-twangin, fiddle-playin high jinx

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **Chortle**

An hour of barn-stompingly good music mixed with some good ol' social satire

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **The Skinny**

If you want satire that's thoughtful and silly, that's funny and tear jerking and utterly brilliant buy a ticket now. The world might be falling apart but at least Jonny and the Baptists are making the end a little more enjoyable

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **Broadway Baby**

Frank, fresh, funny – and something completely different, even a contemporary Flanders & Swann

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **What's On Stage**

LISTINGS INFORMATION:

Jonny & The Baptists – *Love Edinburgh and Hate Bastards*

Venue: Assembly Roxy, Upstairs

Time: 7pm

Dates: 1st – 25th August (excl 12th and 19th)

Twitter: [@Jonny_Baptists](https://twitter.com/Jonny_Baptists)

AUTUMN TOUR DATES:

Friday	13-Sep-19	Liverpool Everyman
Thursday	19-Sep-19	Fareham, Ashcroft Arts Centre
Friday	20-Sep-19	Farnham, The Maltings
Saturday	21-Sep-19	Reading, South Street Arts
Sunday	22-Sep-19	Richmond Orange Tree
Tuesday	24-Sep-19	Colchester Arts Centre
Friday	27-Sep-19	Cambridge Junction
Saturday	28-Sep-19	Maidstone, Hazlitt Arts Centre
Friday	04-Oct-19	Cardigan, Small World
Saturday	05-Oct-19	Aberystwyth Comedy Festival
Tuesday	08-Oct-19	Stafford MET
Wednesday	09-Oct-19	Leicester, The Cookie
Friday	11-Oct-19	Eastleigh, The Point
Saturday	12-Oct-19	Norwich Playhouse
Thursday	17-Oct-19	Brighton, The Old Market
Friday	18-Oct-19	Oxford, Old Fire Station
Saturday	19-Oct-19	Havant, The Spring Arts
Wednesday	23-Oct-19	Exeter, Phoenix
Thursday	24-Oct-19	Bristol, Hen and Chicken

Friday	25-Oct-19	Cardiff Transport Club
Saturday	26-Oct-19	Corsham, Pound Arts Centre
Wednesday	30-Oct-19	Birmingham MAC
Thursday	31-Oct-19	Sheffield, Leadmill
Friday	01-Nov-19	Stockton, Arc
Saturday	02-Nov-19	Salford, The Lowry
Thursday	07-Nov-19	York, The Crescent
Friday	08-Nov-19	Lancaster, The Dukes
Saturday	09-Nov-19	Barnsley Civic
Tuesday	12-Nov-19	Newcastle, The Stand
Tuesday	19-Nov-19	Edinburgh, The Stand
Wednesday	20-Nov-19	Glasgow, The Stand
Sunday	08-Dec-19	Kings Place
Sunday	15-Dec-19	Kings Place

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