

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

★★★★ The Guardian ★★★★★ The Times ★★★★★ The Independent ★★★★★ Metro ★★★★★ Chortle ★★★★★ Fest  
★★★★ The Stage ★★★★★ The List ★★★★★ The Skinny ★★★★★ What's On Stage ★★★★★ Three Weeks ★★★★★  
A Younger Theatre ★★★★★ British Theatre Guide ★★★★★ Edinburgh Reporter ★★★★★ Broadway Baby  
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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 1<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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: 1<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> August (excl 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>)

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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