‘MASH REPORT’ CORRESPONDENT PIERRE NOVELLIE BRINGS HIS NEW SHOW ‘YOU’RE EXPECTED TO CARE’ TO THE EDINBURGH FESTIVAL FRINGE

“Brutally funny” ★★★★½ **Jay Richardson, Chortle**
“the dawn of a major talent” **James Kettle, The Guardian**
“hilarious…He will go far” ★★★★ **Dominic Maxwell, The Times**
“very close to being a stand-up masterclass” ★★★★★ **Brian Donaldson, The List**
“an hour of sharply crafted and intelligent comedy” ★★★★ **Megan McEachern, Sunday Post**

Mash Report correspondent and multi-award nominated stand-up **Pierre Novellie** is returning to the Edinburgh Festival Fringe this year with a brand-new hour, *You’re Expected To Care*, from 31st July to 25th August at 7.15pm at the Pleasance Beside.

You’re Expected To Care sees Pierre tackle the biggest questions of the day for anyone trying to be a good person. Existing is exhausting. Endless empathy and engagement is expected of everyone. You’ve *got* to be aware of all the complicated, horrific things in the world, even if they’re absolutely nothing to do with you? Join Pierre for an exploration of the balance between empathy and apathy, as he brings some intellectual levity to various absolutely appalling subjects.

On TV and radio, Pierre has written and appeared on BBC Two’s *The Mash Report* and has appeared on shows including *Stand Up Central* (Comedy Central), *Joke Thieves* (BBC Two), *Outsiders* (Channel 4), *Edinburgh Comedy Fest Live* (BBC Three), *Taxi Gags* (All 4) and *The Rest is History* (BBC Radio 4), while his writing credits include *Mock the Week* (BBC Two) and *Newzoids* (ITV). In February 2019 Pierre began hosting the hit podcast *BudPod with Phil Wang & Pierre Novellie.* As a live performer he has been nominated for Best Newcomer and twice for Best Club Comic at the Chortle Awards. Pierre has also has supported **Dave Gorman**, **Hal Cruttenden** and **Gary Delaney** on tour, as well as performing five previous sell-out runs at the Edinburgh Fringe.

Further praise for Pierre Novellie

“packed full of belly laughs…impressively well written, perfectly building and building and rich with detail – each topic could be a full show on its own. Novellie delivers it all with real astuteness and skill, at once relaxed and arresting”★★★★★ **Sharon Lougher, Metro**

“Pierre Novellie is wonderful…A tremendous presence, there’s a timeless sense to this chap. His wit is old school, yet his humour is still fresh. There’s a class to his act which has been missing from a lot of shows this year…The writing of his show is completely natural, flowing incredibly despite its obvious hard work”
★★★★★ **Dominic Corr, Edinburgh Festivals**

"I am almost embarrassed by the amount of involuntary noise that came out of my face during Pierre Novellie's hysterically funny show...A genuinely hilarious comedian" ★★★★★ **Gemma Scott, Three Weeks**

"a blistering hour of outsider observational comedy that is packed with brilliantly nerdy contemplations…His exceptional conversational delivery makes for compelling stand-up" ★★★★ **James McColl, The Skinny**

"the perfect balance between intellectual thoughtfulness and physical comedy" ★★★★ **Hannah Foulds, Londonist**

"a slick hour of sharp satire…intelligent and inventive" ★★★★ **Angela Johnson, Entertainment Focus**

★★★★ **Graeme Connelly, Fest**

EDINBURGH FRINGE LISTINGS INFORMATION

Pierre Novellie – You're Expected To Care

Venue: Pleasance Beside

Date & Time: 31st July to 25th August at 7.15pm

Duration: 60 min

Web: www.edfringe.com

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