

ROB AUTON SET TO EMBARK ON UK TOUR INCLUDING RUN AT THE SOHO THEATRE WITH THE SLEEP SHOW



The Sleep Show is bizarre and beautiful; thought-provoking and life-affirming ★★★★★ Broadway Baby
As well as being completely hilarious, The Sleep Show will fill your heart ★★★★★ Three Weeks

Following the success of performing a month-long run to packed audiences at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, award winning writer, performer and comedian ROB AUTON embarks on a UK tour with The Sleep Show today (7th September) which includes a run at the Soho Theatre from 21st-24th September. Having explored the colour yellow in 2012's The Yellow Show, the sky in 2013's The Sky Show, faces in 2014's The Face Show and water in 2015's The Water Show, ROB has now turned his attention to sleep and from September 2016 to April 2017 will perform a show suitable for anybody who has slept in theatres around the UK.

York-born ROB has continued to build an audience through having ideas, writing them down and standing up and saying things at comedy, poetry and theatre nights since 2008. ROB'S unique world has been acknowledged by the Arts Foundation through being shortlisted for the prestigious *Spoken Word Award* (2015). He was 2014's Glastonbury Festival's official 'Poet in Residence', has had two collections of writing and illustrations published by Burning Eye books, had his poetry turned into short films which were shown on Channel 4 and starred in and co-wrote the short film The Peamaster which was nominated for *Best Short Film* at the 2012 Milan Film Festival.

Alongside performing solo, ROB co-organises and takes part in the best poetry gig in the UK (voted by The Times) Bang Said The Gun, which after a brief hiatus transferred to the Bloomsbury Theatre earlier this year with a sell-out monthly residency and is set to have its biggest poetry extravaganza to date at the Leicester Square Theatre on the 5th October. Starting as an antidote to dreary poetry and even drearier poetry nights, the spoken-word club night's raucous and anarchic spirit attracts a rich mix of new talent and some of the most established names in poetry/music including SIR ANDREW MOTION, KATE TEMPEST and JARVIS COCKER.

In 2013 ROB won the *Dave Funniest Joke of The Fringe* award with a gag about Chinese Wispas. On the day the news broke, he spoke to VANESSA FELTZ on BBC Radio 2, the conversation resulting in her saying "*that's just sad*" a quote that will stick with him forever.

WHAT HAS BEEN SAID ABOUT ROB AUTON:

He is entirely compelling to watch. He's a poet/writer/talker and it's funny in parts but that's not the point – there is something else happening, I'm not entirely sure what it is but it's great and it wallops you in the belly **Daniel Kitson**

A genuine original **The Guardian**

Funny, baffling, and deeply moving **The Telegraph**

We need him **The Scotsman**

Poetical, philosophical, humane, completely charming and funny to boot **The Guardian**

Few artists have ever managed to consistently provide me with such joy and pleasure as Rob Auton **Scroobius Pip**

Charming, eccentric and uplifting, Auton is a talent to watch **The Independent**

For more information and press tickets, please contact: Victoria Wedderburn at victoriaw@avalonuk.com or phone 02075987222

TOUR DATES

Day	Date	Venue
Wednesday	07-Sep-17	Cardiff, Chapter Arts
Friday	09-Sep-17	Salford, The Lowry, (Roundabout, Eccles)
Wednesday	21-Sep-17	London, Soho Theatre
Thursday	22-Sep-17	London, Soho Theatre
Friday	23-Sep-17	London, Soho Theatre
Saturday	24-Sep-17	London, Soho Theatre
Sunday	25-Sep-17	Margate Theatre Royal (Roundabout)
Friday	30-Sep-17	The Roundabout at Lincoln Performing Arts Centre
Friday	03-Feb-17	Shropshire, Severn Theatre Walker Studio
Friday	17-Feb-17	Aldershot, West End Centre
Thursday	16-Mar-17	Newport, Riverfront Theatre
Thursday	13-Apr-17	Canterbury Marlowe