

# ROB AUTON ANNOUNCES UK TOUR AND SOHO THEATRE RUN



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

Following the success of performing a month-long run to packed audiences at Edinburgh festival, award winning writer and performer ROB AUTON is set to embark on a UK tour with The Water Show. Having explored the colour yellow in 2012's The Yellow Show, the sky in 2013's The Sky Show and faces in 2014's The Face Show, ROB has now turned his attention to water and from January to May 2016 he will perform a show suitable for anybody who has seen, heard, touched, used or drank water around the country, including a run at the Soho Theatre from 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> February.

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. 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 is transferring to the Bloomsbury Theatre to begin a highly anticipated monthly residency on the 28<sup>th</sup> January. 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.

ROB'S unique world view was recently acknowledged by the Arts Foundation through being shortlisted for the prestigious *Spoken Word Award*. He was Glastonbury Festival's official 'Poet in Residence' last year, 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.

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***

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

*We need him **The Scotsman***

*A genuine original **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***

*\*\*\*\*\* **The Skinny***

*\*\*\*\*\* **Three Weeks***

*\*\*\*\*\* **Broadway Baby***

*\*\*\*\* **Fest***

*\*\*\*\* **Fringe Guru***

*\*\*\*\* **London is Funny***

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# TOUR DATES

Day	Date	Venue
<b>January</b>		
Friday	29-Jan-16	The Camden Head
<b>February</b>		
Friday	04-Feb-16	Aldershot West End Centre
Monday	15-Feb-16	London Soho Theatre
Tuesday	16-Feb-16	London Soho Theatre
Wednesday	17-Feb-16	London Soho Theatre
<b>March</b>		
Thursday	17-Mar-16	Fareham, Ashcroft Arts
Friday	18-Mar-16	Richmond (Yorkshire) Georgian Theatre
Sunday	23-Mar-16	Salford, The Lowry
<b>April</b>		
Friday	01-Apr-16	Southampton Arts Cafe
Friday	15-Apr-16	Bridport Arts Centre
Wednesday	20-Apr-16	Durham Gala Theatre Studio
Friday	29-Apr-16	Didcot, Cornerstone
Wednesday	27-Apr-16	Hull Truck Theatre Studio
<b>May</b>		
Saturday	28-May-16	Lancaster Dukes Theatre
Friday	06-May-16	Warwick Arts Centre Studio