

## STEVE BUGEJA RETURNS TO EDINBURGH FESTIVAL FRINGE WITH 'ALMOST'

*"Bugeja has an eye for original comic detail that's all his own"*

James Kettle, *The Guardian*

*"drum-tight, as if polished by a sitcom writers' room to cram as many jokes in as humanly possible"*

★★★★

Steve Bennett, *Chortle*

*"blends the intelligence of a well crafted hour with some touching emotional honesty"*

★★★★

Jay Richardson, *The Scotsman*

**Steve Bugeja** will return to this year's Edinburgh Festival Fringe with his 4<sup>th</sup> solo show *Almost*. He'll perform his brand new stand up hour at Just the Tonic at the Caves from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> August at 3:30pm.

After reading a fridge magnet stating *"you regret the things you didn't do in life more than the things you did"* Steve became deeply troubled because he hadn't actually done anything (aside from having a top score on the computer game *Train Simulator*, but you can't tell your grandkids that). Determined not to go through life with nothing to show for it, he attempts to become a more interesting, erudite, all round exceptional person. No longer content with wasting his life away on computer games, the *BBC New Comedy Award* winner tackles the imperious pharmaceutical companies for putting a price tag on the value of life, in a show that will see Steve finally stick it to the man and become the person he never thought he could be.

On TV and radio, Steve has appeared on *Love Island: Aftersun* (ITV2), *Russell Howard's Stand Up Central* (Comedy Central), *Top Tens* (BBC Three), *The Dog Ate My Homework* (CBBC), *Pop Sludge* (4Music), and *Fresh from the Fringe* (BBC Radio 4). Making a name for himself internationally, Steve has been invited to perform at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival for the past two years, appearing on ABC TV's *Opening Night Comedy Allstars Supershow* and twice on *Comedy up Late*.

Also a prolific writer, Steve was a key member of the writing team for *The Russell Howard Hour* (Sky One), and has contributed material to *Mock the Week* (BBC Two), *8 out of 10 Cats* (Channel 4), *Russell Howard's Good News* (BBC Two), *CelebAbility* (ITV2), *The Now Show* (BBC Radio 4), and *The News Quiz* (BBC Radio 4).

*Almost* is Steve's fourth solo show, following his previous critically acclaimed shows *Summer Camp* (2017), *Unpronounceable* (2016) and *Day Release* (2015), which were performed to sold-out crowds at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. *Unpronounceable* and *Summer Camp* went on to tour nationwide; selling out increasingly large venues year on year.

### What the press has said about Steve Bugeja:

*"fascinating...The detail is delicious and the laughs warm steadily while Bugeja shares his story with unabashed honesty"*

★★★★

Vicky Nangle, *Fest*

*"full of hilarious anecdotes...the audience's glee was endless"*

Miriam Larrainzar, *Ed Fest Magazine*

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