

Tiff STEVENSON
~~Optimist~~

SOHO THEATRE RUN ANNOUNCED

Are you a glass half full kind of person? If so, congratulations, you are an optimist and this is the show for you. Are you a glass half empty kind of person? If so, at least you bought a drink in the first place so you're still an optimist. Congratulations, this is the show for you. Fresh from a month-long run at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, delightfully outspoken TIFF STEVENSON has embarked on a UK tour with her brand-new show Optimist and it was announced today it will include a run at the Soho Theatre from 25th- 28th February 2015.

When everyone and everything around you appears to be sliding into an arsehole apocalypse™, TIFF will navigate you on an optimistic course through hangovers, the Kardashians, guns, the NHS, your inner-critic and Everyday Vodka.

TIFF is curator and host of London's legendary stand-up night Old Rope, a weekly showcase of new material from both distinguished and up-and-coming acts. The show has also enjoyed a succession of sell-out runs at the fringe and TIFF's solo Edinburgh stand-up shows, Uncomfortably Numb, Cavewoman, Dictators and Along Came a Spider have met with critical acclaim at the festival, including the award for *Mervyn Stutter's Spirit of the Fringe* in 2012.

A frequent face on television screens, TIFF has appeared as a panellist on Mock the Week (BBC Two), Never Mind The Buzzcocks (BBC Two) and The Apprentice: You're Fired! (BBC Two). She was a finalist on ITV1's Show Me the Funny and further television performances include The Office (BBC Two), Absolute Power (BBC Two), Balls of Steel (Channel 4), Only Joking (Sky), Celebrity Deal Or No Deal (Channel 4) and Live With Gabby (Five). TIFF has made regular appearances on Front Row (BBC Radio 4), MacCaulay & Co (BBC Radio Scotland) and 7 Day Saturday & Sunday with AL MURRAY (BBC Radio 5 Live).

Inspired by the success of her acclaimed and award winning 2012 show Uncomfortably Numb, TIFF has received private equity funding to make a documentary which will explore plastic surgery, ageing and our perceptions of women's faces.

After taking a lead role in Talk Radio, an ERIC BOGOSIAN play directed by STEWART LEE at Edinburgh Festival in 2006, TIFF has since made numerous performances on the stage including starring alongside DAVID TENNANT, MICHAEL URIE, SALLY PHILLIPS & DOON MACKICHAN in Celebrity Autobiography, which later transferred to London's West End.

WHAT THE PRESS HAS SAID ABOUT TIFF STEVENSON

"Mouthy, cynical and sexually frank" **The Guardian**

*"Hilarious, beautifully written" ***** **Metro**

"A stroke of genius. Witty, well constructed and full of jokes" **Sunday Telegraph**

"Original observations, fantastically sharp lines, spot on" **Jo Brand**

"Very Funny" **Slash, Guns & Roses**

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

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TOUR DATES

Date	Venue	Box Office
OCTOBER		
17 th	MAIDSTONE Hazlitt Art Centre	01622 758611
18 th	SHEFFIELD The Greystones (Sheffield Comedy Festival)	0114 266 5599
29 th	SALFORD The Lowry	0843 208 6000
NOVEMBER		
2 nd	BRIGHTON Komedia	0845 293 8480
6 th	SHOREHAM Ropetackle Arts Centre	01273 464440
8 th	CORSHAM Pound Arts Centre	01249 701628
21 st	MAIDENHEAD Norden Farm	01628 788997
22 nd	WIMBLEDON New Wimbledon Studio	0844 871 7646
29 th	COLCHESTER Arts Centre	01206 500 900
FEBRUARY		
25 th	LONDON Soho Theatre Upstairs	020 7478 0100
26 th	LONDON Soho Theatre Upstairs	020 7478 0100
27 th	LONDON Soho Theatre Upstairs	020 7478 0100
28 th	LONDON Soho Theatre Upstairs	020 7478 0100
MARCH		
11 th	WOLVERHAMPTON Slade Rooms	0870 320 7000
13 th	CAMBRIDGE The Junction	01223 511 511
14 th	CHORLEY Chorley Little Theatre	01257 264 362