

BEST NEWCOMER NOMINEE 2019 SOPHIE DUKER ANNOUNCES SPECIAL PERFORMANCE OF HIT SHOW VENUS

SOUTHBANK CENTRE, PURCELL ROOM – SATURDAY 18TH APRIL

Laugh-out loud funny **The Telegraph**

A sparky proposition **The Independent**

Hot on the heels of multiple sold-out runs across the UK, which had extra dates added to meet huge demand for tickets, *Best Newcomer Nominee 2019* **Sophie Duker** announces a special final performance of the critically-acclaimed hit show *Venus* at Southbank Centre's Purcell Room on Saturday 18th April, and tickets are on sale from Monday 24th February.

Sophie Duker is your Venus, she's your fire, your desire. Or is she? Silly, sexy, savage stand-up from a girl who's definitely not a goddess. In her hotly anticipated full-fat woke debut hour Sophie takes her audience on an unconventional journey of self-discovery. The celebrated show was featured as a top show to see in *The Scotsman*, *The Guardian*, *The Evening Standard*, *Stylist*, *Time Out*, *Joe.co.uk*, *Fest Mag*, *Funny Women*, *To Do List*, *I Talk Telly*, and *GQ* featured one of her jokes in their *Best Jokes at the Fringe*.

Sophie co-hosts *Grown Up Land* on BBC Radio 4 and is the creator and host of the Evening Standard recommended comedy night *Wacky Racists*. She has appeared on Channel 4's *8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown* and *Riot Girls*, BBC Two's *Mock The Week* and Frankie Boyle's *New World Order*, Comedy Central's *Roast Battle*, and E4's *8 Out of 10 Cats*.

WHAT THE PRESS HAS SAID ABOUT VENUS:

She rips through sex and race with relish **The Sunday Times, Stephen Armstrong**

extremely funny **Scotsman, Jay Richardon**

Venus is a wickedly funny and woke debut hour **The Herald, Gayle Anderson**

This astute political analysis is buoyed by wordplay, shrewd storytelling and pop culture hot-takes **Fest Mag, Megan Wallace**

An excellent debut from a skilful and exciting young comedian **The Skinny, Yasmin Hackett**

this show has everything you could ask for **Funny Women Mariana Feijó**

Venus will be a hilarious, exhilarating hour of intelligent and – dare I say it – woke humour for the 21st century! **To Do List**

Sophie Duker brings a hilarious and heartfelt celebration of the self to the Fringe **Voice Magazine Oluwatayo Adewole**

LISTINGS INFORMATION

Venue: Southbank Centre, Purcell Room

Date: Saturday 18th April

Time: 8pm

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