JONNY & THE BAPTISTS ANNOUNCE VIRTUAL TOUR, PARTNERING WITH ARTS VENUES DURING LOCKDOWN

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Multi-award-nominated musical-activist-comedians **Jonny and the Baptists** have announced a brand new virtual tour with their latest show *Love You & Hate Covid*, which enjoyed a five-star run at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe with the title *Love You & Hate Bastards*. Partnering with arts centres, theatres and comedy clubs across the UK with a unique show performed for each town, all proceeds will be equally split with each venue. **Jonny Donahoe** and **Paddy Gervers** hope to help struggling independent arts venues during the C-19 lockdown and cheer up the nation the best way they know how, with musical brilliance and thought-provoking lyrics. Tickets can be found online at jonnyandthebaptists.co.uk.

Hot on the heels of a critically-acclaimed run at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, the musical satirists' show about love and their friendship enjoyed a sell-out tour to more than thirty cities and towns with an extension planned for 2020 to meet huge demand for tickets, when suddenly it became impossible to leave the house and travel around; unless you're friends with the Prime Minister (they're not). At a socially responsible distance from the basement of their local out-of-action pub, the pair will perform a different version of the hit show tailored to each town they are virtually 'visiting' via the power of live streaming.

Jonny & The Baptists are regularly featured on BBC Radio 4's *The Now Show* as well as regular appearances on *The Infinite Monkey Cage*, *Live From Television Centre* and *Sketchorama* (BBC Radio 4). They have supported **Mark Thomas** on tour and appeared at major festivals including Latitude, Kaleidoscope, and Greenbelt, while their single *Farage* topped the iTunes comedy chart.

WHAT THE PRESS HAS SAID ABOUT JONNY & THE BAPTISTS

Politically energised, raucously silly…broad, daft and punchy
★ ★ ★ ★ **The Guardian**

You'll mainly leave feeling warm and fuzzy.... note perfect
★ ★ ★ ★ **Metro**

Plenty of hilarious musical one-liners, using familiar tracks or lyrical structure to drop an impactful punchline as quick as you like
★ ★ ★ ★ **Chortle**

Wickedly amusing
★ ★ ★ ★ **The Times**

Hilarious throughout and moving towards the end, Jonny & the Baptists will make you laugh until you cry and probably cry until you laugh, too. A must-see.
★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **Sunday Post**

Yes, the brilliant musical rabble rousers have certainly given up politics. If only the rest of the Fringe could give it up in this way, we might change the world sooner.
★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **British Theatre Guide**

Seriously funny
★ ★ ★ ★ **The Stage**

Fieriness and heart… The enthusiasm, avidity and passion of the band radiate well after the gig has finished
★ ★ ★ ★ **The List**

Brilliant… The closest thing the Fringe has to rock gods
★ ★ ★ ★ **Fest**

It's thought-provoking, lyrically brilliant fun of the highest order
★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **Exuent**

An hour of barn-stompingly good music mixed with some good ol' social satire
★ ★ ★ ★ **The Skinny**

Top 10 UK Comedy Talents: Uproarious rock'n' ROFL-ing… the melodies are as good as the punchlines
★ ★ ★ ★ **The Independent on Sunday**

Frank, fresh, funny – and something completely different, even a contemporary Flanders and Swann
★ ★ ★ ★ **WhatsOnStage**

The duo have built the perfect balance between hard-hitting satire and juvenile playfulness to convey their much appreciated comedy stylings surrounding this modern day topic
★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **Three Weeks**

This lively show combining music and comedy is a real Edinburgh highlight
★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **British Theatre Guide**

Biting satire
★ ★ ★ ★ **Edinburgh Reporter**

If you want satire that's thoughtful and silly, that's funny and tear jerking and utterly brilliant buy a ticket now. The world might be falling apart but at least Jonny and the Baptists are making the end a little more enjoyable
★ ★ ★ ★ **Broadway Baby**

Frank, fresh, funny – and something completely different, even a contemporary Flanders & Swann
★ ★ ★ ★ **What's On Stage**

These two individuals are incredibly talented in their own right; and together, they really do create magic
★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **Radio Ha Ha**

Hilarious yet heart-wrenching... an absolute stormer
★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **The Crumb ,**

Anarchic, absurdist and downright silly in a whirlwind exposé of issues of the moment
Fringe Review

VENUE	DATE
Reading South Street	Thursday 25th June
Oxford Old Fire Station	Monday 29th June
Salford Lowry	Thursday 2nd July
Corsham Pound Arts	Tuesday 7th July
Kings Place	Thursday 9th July
Midlands Arts Centre Birmingham	Tuesday 14th July
The Stand (all venues)	Thursday 16th July

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