

# MULTI-AWARD NOMINATED MUSICAL DUO JONNY & THE BAPTISTS ANNOUNCE NEW TOUR WITH 'DANCE LIKE IT NEVER HAPPENED'

★★★★ The Guardian ★★★★★ The Times ★★★★★ The Independent ★★★★★ Metro ★★★★★ Chortle ★★★★★ The Sunday Post ★★★★★ Fest ★★★★★ The Stage ★★★★★ The List ★★★★★ The Skinny ★★★★★ What's On Stage ★★★★★ Three Weeks ★★★★★ A Younger Theatre ★★★★★ British Theatre Guide ★★★★★ Edinburgh Reporter ★★★★★ Broadway Baby ★★★★★ Exuent ★★★★★ Radio Ha Ha ★★★★★ The Crumb

Multi-award nominated musical-activist-comedians **Jonny & The Baptists** have announced that they will embark on a nationwide tour with the brand-new show '*Dance Like it Never Happened*' which they will perform throughout the UK from Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July to Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2021. Tickets are on sale and can be found at [jonnyandthebaptists.co.uk](http://jonnyandthebaptists.co.uk).

In their most honest & personal show yet, Jonny & The Baptists (**Jonny Donahoe & Paddy Gervers**) learn to accept and engage with their grief, telling the story of denial, anger, bargaining, depression, and acceptance through their trademark blend of silly, joyful songs, deadpan stand-up and riotous storytelling. Finding meaning, humour and beauty in the hardest part of life, the musical duo's 7<sup>th</sup> show is a show about grief and loss, but not how you'd expect. In 2019, Jonny and Paddy lost the election, their place in Europe, and a friend they loved more than life. This was followed by the year that was 2020, and with their decade long system of dealing with grief (ignoring it, drinking heavily, and making jokes) they finally broke. '*Dance Like It Never Happened*' is the funniest, most joyful and uplifting show you will ever see about feeling utterly bereaved.

The musical satirists 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**

## TOUR DATES

<b>02-Jul-21</b>	<b>Swindon Arts Centre</b>
<b>03-Jul-21</b>	<b>Frome, Merlin Theatre</b>
<b>04-Jul-21</b>	<b>Exeter Phoenix</b>
<b>09-Jul-21</b>	<b>Wolverhampton Slade Rooms</b>
<b>10-Jul-21</b>	<b>Crawley Hawth</b>
<b>16-Jul-21</b>	<b>Theatre Clwyd (Outdoor)</b>
<b>17-Jul-21</b>	<b>Banbury, Mill Arts</b>
<b>25-Jul-21</b>	<b>Portsmouth, Wedgewood Rooms</b>
<b>30-Jul-21</b>	<b>Bedford, The Quarry Theatre</b>
<b>01-Aug-21</b>	<b>Glasgow Stand</b>
<b>02-Aug-21</b>	<b>Edinburgh Stand</b>
<b>03-Aug-21</b>	<b>Newcastle Stand</b>
<b>08-Aug-21</b>	<b>Leeds, Hyde Park Book Club</b>
<b>13-Aug-21</b>	<b>Maidenhead Norden Farm</b>
<b>14-Aug-21</b>	<b>Farnham Maltings</b>
<b>09-Sep-21</b>	<b>Southend Dixon Studio</b>
<b>09-Oct-21</b>	<b>Northampton, Royal and Derngate</b>

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