

# AVALON ANNOUNCE EDINBURGH FESTIVAL FRINGE 2022 LINE-UP

Avalon announce their full promoted line-up for this year's (long awaited) Edinburgh Festival Fringe, presenting the latest shows from critically-acclaimed acts including *Taskmaster* champion and co-host of the award-winning podcast *Off Menu* **Ed Gamble**, multi-award winning comedian **Jayde Adams**, critically-acclaimed stand-up **Phil Wang**, renowned prankster **Simon Brodtkin**, Fringe veterans including **Al Murray** as The Pub Landlord and comic legend **Frank Skinner**, the 'King of Edinburgh' himself **Richard Herring** with his hit podcast RHLSTP, alongside a highly anticipated debut hour from rising star **Chloe Petts**. The line-up also sees musical comedy from singing duo **Flo & Joan**, spoken word and comedy from stand-up **Rob Auton**, with impressions from one of the UK's hottest mimics and stand-ups **Luke Kempner**, and satirist and comic **Matt Forde** with his latest solo stand-up hour as well as live recordings of his hit Political Party Podcast with guests including former UK Prime Minister **Gordon Brown**.

During the last 32 years, Avalon have worked with more Edinburgh Comedy Award winners and nominees than any other company including: **Chris Addison**, **Greg Davies**, **Dave Gorman**, **Frank Skinner**, **Harry Hill**, **The Mighty Boosh**, **Al Murray**, **Russell Kane**, **Alex Horne**, **Roisin Conaty**, **Kristen Schaal & Kurt Braunohler**, **Garth Marengi**, **Lucy Beaumont**, **John Kearns**, **Bilal Zafar**, **Glenn Moore**, **Ahir Shah**, **Ciarán Dowd**, and **Sophie Duker** and three of only six female winners of the prestigious Edinburgh Comedy Award; **Jenny Eclair**, **Laura Solon**, and 2018's winner **Rose Matafeo**.

Avalon's promoted line-up for 2022 includes:

**Al Murray, The Pub Landlord** – Gig For Victory

**Chloe Petts** – Transience

**Ed Gamble** – Electric

**Flo & Joan** – Sweet Release

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**Frank Skinner** – 30 Years of Dirt

**Jayde Adams** – Men, I Can Save You

**Luke Kempner** – Macho Macho Man

**Matt Forde** – Clowns to the Left of Me, Jokers to the Right

**Matt Forde** – The Political Party with Matt Forde

**Phil Wang** – The Real Hero in All This

**Richard Herring** – RHLSTP

**Rob Auton** – The Crowd Show

**Simon Brodwin** – Screwed Up

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## COMEDY

**Al Murray, The Pub Landlord** – Gig For Victory

*“Stand-up Gold”*  
**The Guardian**



As the dust settles and we emerge blinking into the dawn of a new year, the men and women of this great country will need answers. Answers that they know they need, answers to questions they never knew existed. And when that moment comes, who better to show the way, to provide those answers, than the people’s man of the people, the Pub Landlord? Steeped in the deep and ancient barroom wisdom of countless lock ins, the Pub Landlord is there to show the way.

Wherever you are, he will - within sensible travel limits and theatre booking policy - come, offering people thirsty for common sense a full pint of the good stuff. *“A supremely polished performer”* (The Mail on Sunday ★★★★★). *“Wickedly witty Stuff”* (The Telegraph ★★★★★).

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## Chloe Petts – Transience

*“slick live sets... Chloe Petts engineered big, maladroitness laughs by confusing hand sanitiser with lube and spotting lesbians on daytime TV.”*

**Brian Logan, The Guardian**



Rising star Chloe Petts brings her debut solo show, *Transience*, to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. Chloe is fresh off supporting Ed Gamble’s UK tour and is co-founder of the ground-breaking The LOL Word, an all women and non-binary queer comedy collective who are “transforming comedy” (The Guardian). She uses her trademark cerebral “laddishness” to examine her desperate attempts at living in the moment, the darts and her (strictly non-romantic) love for the men who watch it. In 2020, Chloe featured on Penguin’s audiobook *Edinburgh Unlocked* which was recorded in absence of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, adding to TV and radio credits including *Richard Osman’s House of Games* (BBC Two), *Hypothetical* (Dave), *Jonathan Ross’ Comedy Club* (ITV), *The Stand-Up Sketch Show* (ITV2) and *Random Acts* (Channel 4). “She is confident, laid-back, casual – and very funny” (Ella Braidwood, The Guardian). “compelling presence” (Steve Bennett, Chortle). “brilliant comedian” (Alexandra Harrow, Time Out). “inexhaustibly funny mind” (Diva Magazine).

## Ed Gamble – Electric

*“Mesmerically funny and original...consistently eye-wateringly hilarious”*

**Rachel Aroesti, The i ★★★★★**



Award-winning comedian Ed Gamble returns to the Fringe with his brand-new stand-up tour *Electric*, which he has been touring around the UK this year, playing three sold out nights at London’s iconic Hackney Empire with an extension announced for the autumn. This follows a twice extended sold-out UK tour of his previous stand-up show *Blizzard* and his comedy special *Blood Sugar*, which has hit the top spot as most watched stand-up special on Amazon Prime. Winner of series 9 of *Taskmaster* (UKTV/Channel 4), star of *Mock the Week* (BBC Two) and co-host of chart topping *Off Menu* podcast, Ed was one of the judges on the popular BBC2 series *Great British Menu* and a contestant on *The Great Celebrity Bake Off for Stand Up to Cancer* (Channel 4). After a sell-out tour of his house in 2020 (extended into 2021 due to popular demand), *Ol’ Broken Pancreas* is charged up and ready to flick the switch on another round of attention seeking in 2022. “Platiful of stand-up

*talent...You can bet on Gamble to deliver laughs” (Bruce Dessau, Evening Standard). “Gamble shows masterful comedy skills” (Steve Bennett, Chortle ★★★★★).*

### **Flo & Joan – Sweet Release**

*“It goes down a storm”*

**Dominic Maxwell, The Times ★★★★★**



As part of their current sell-out, 66-date UK national tour, multi-award-winning musical comedy duo **Flo & Joan** have climbed back out of their pits, armed with a piano and percussion section to bring you a brand-new show of their critically acclaimed songs and comedy with *Sweet Release*, poking around all the classic topics of the day: over-thinking, alien lovers and fringes. Their unique style has taken them around the world with multiple sell-out tours and appearances including *Live at the Apollo* (BBC Two), *The Royal Variety Performance* (ITV), *The Russell Howard Hour* (Sky) and their own Amazon Prime Special, *Alive On Stage*. *“[they] briefly appear to be a jolly musical double act, but tear that to pieces about two bars into the first, perfectly timed song” (Steve Armstrong, The Sunday Times ★★★★★). “packed with surprises and, pleasingly, the music performs as much of the comic work as the lyrics” (Brian Logan, The Guardian ★★★★★). “It’s the harmonies of Frankie Valli with the sensibilities of Frankie Boyle – and blew the canvas roof off... crowd-pleaser among crowd-pleaser.” (Steve Bennett, Chortle ★★★★★).*

### **Frank Skinner – 30 Years of Dirt**

*“King of stand-up... ...you know you are watching a master”*

**Bruce Dessau, Evening Standard**



A highly anticipated brand-new hour from comic legend Frank Skinner, following his sell-out hit *Showbiz*. *“Real stand-up, real lightness of touch, real joy...” (Dominic Maxwell, The Times) “...the gags just keep on coming. Stand-up’s coming home” (Mark Wareham, Mail on Sunday).*

## Jayde Adams – Men, I Can Save You

*“she delivers a show that unites the political with the personal in a way that many comics aim for, but few pull off with this sort of aplomb”*

**Dominic Maxwell, The Times ★★★★★**

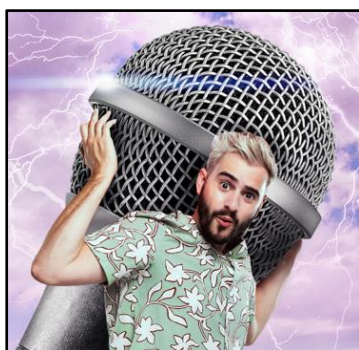


Multi-award-winning comedian Jayde Adams presents her latest hour, *Men, I Can Save You*, at the Fringe before embarking on her biggest UK tour to date. A champion of inclusive feminism, the established and esteemed Bristolian comic will showcase her intelligent working-class voice as she guides men to salvation the best way she knows how; with sharp humour and telling it like it is. Previously, Jayde garnered 13 five and four star reviews for her last Edinburgh Fringe hour which went on to be filmed for the Amazon Prime special, *Serious Black Jumper*, and released worldwide, receiving over 150 million views on TikTok. The live show was described as *“thoughtful, well-crafted stuff, brimming with funny gags”* (The Metro, ★★★★★) and Jayde herself described as *“one of the most important comedy voices of her time”* (Edinburgh Festivals Magazine ★★★★★). On screen, Jayde stars in the BAFTA and RTS Award winning *Alma’s Not Normal* (BBC Two), the upcoming Take That movie *Greatest Days*, hosts *Crazy Delicious* (Netflix), and BAFTA nominated series *Snackmasters* (Channel 4), and has written and starred in the BBC Radio 4 stand-up special *Hometown Glory*.

## Luke Kempner – Macho Macho Man

*‘Remarkable, tour de force one-man show... a teatime hour of unalloyed pleasure.’*

**The Daily Telegraph ★★★★★**



Star of *Spitting Image*, *Steph’s Packed Lunch* and with over 10 million views of his online videos, comedian and impressionist Luke Kempner is one of the UK’s hottest mimics and stand up comics. With a hilariously razor sharp roster of contemporary impressions ranging from Piers Morgan and Bojo to Ted Hastings and Paul Hollywood, Luke has become a household name and is bringing his highly anticipated show *Macho Macho Man* - ‘it’s Les Mis meets Line Of Duty’, it’s ‘Hamilton meets I’m a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here’ to Edinburgh. As seen (and heard) on *Spitting Image* (BritBox), *Steph’s Packed Lunch* (Channel 4), *The Last Leg* (Channel 4), *The Stand-Up Sketch Show* (ITV2), *Love Island: Aftersun* (ITV2) and *The Now Show* (BBC Radio 4). *“Gloriously funny”*

(Independent). *“A hugely accomplished impressionist, with the technical skill to jump in and out of a huge range of real-life characters in a beat.”* (Chortle).

### **Matt Forde – Clowns to the Left of Me, Jokers to the Right**

*“our foremost satirical stand-up...Whatever your politics, you’ll find excellence here”*

**The Sunday Times ★★★★★**



Following his biggest tour to date the UK’s leading political comedian **Matt Forde** (*Spitting Image, British Scandal, The Last Leg, The Royal Variety Performance*) has extended with a month long run at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. There are wallies everywhere and half of them are running the country. The other half are trying to. **Matt** lashes out right, left and centre. And chucks in some funny voices too. *“Possibly the best political comedy show on the Fringe”* (The

Telegraph ★★★★★), *“Forde is as gratifyingly sane as comedians come... smart, funny ideas”* (The Times ★★★★★), *“Is there a better political comic than Matt Forde currently working in the UK? I can’t think of another to touch him”* (Chortle ★★★★★½).

### **Matt Forde – The Political Party**

**The Telegraph ★★★★★**



Following an 8-year sold-out residency in London and the West End, Matt Forde (*Spitting Image, The Last Leg*) returns to Edinburgh for three live podcasts including interviewing one of the most significant ever figures in British politics, former UK Prime Minister **Gordon Brown**. The UK’s leading political podcast has over 7 million downloads and is regularly included in iTunes’ Top 10 comedy podcasts. Recently listed by The i newspaper as one of the 50 Greatest Podcasts. Previous

guests include: **Tony Blair, Jacob Rees-Mogg, Michael Heseltine, Nicola Sturgeon, Angela Rayner, Anthony Scaramucci, Alastair Campbell** and **Gary Neville**. *“Is there a better political comic than Matt Forde currently working in the UK? I can’t think of another to touch him”* (Chortle ★★★★★½), *“our foremost satirical stand-up”* (The Sunday Times ★★★★★), *“smart, funny ideas”* (The Times ★★★★★).



## Phil Wang – The Real Hero in All This

*"at the top of his game...One of the fastest-rising international comics around... inspired work from a comic who just gets better and better"*

**Time Out ★★★★★**



Hot off the heels of his critically acclaimed Netflix special *Philly Philly Wang Wang* and subsequent sold-out and critically acclaimed performances in Melbourne (MICF) and America (debut tour), Phil Wang (*Late Night with Seth Meyers, Apollo, QI*) is bringing his highly infective British-Malaysian variant of comedy to the Edinburgh Fringe once more. Phil's last show in Edinburgh was in 2019, so immunity to his charm has faded significantly. Thank goodness he's back with a new hour of absolute gold about race, family, and everything that's been going on in his Philly little life. Your doctor called - you're due your next dose of Wang. *"Stand-up dreamland"* (Guardian ★★★★★), *"A unique and properly funny stand-up"* (The Times ★★★★★).

## Richard Herring – RHLSTP

*"a podcasting veteran... the chat is always worth it... fab"*

**Miranda Sawyer, The Observer**

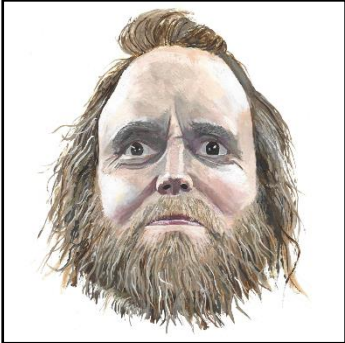


Get to shout out RHLSTP like a proper cool kid as the multi-award-winning and perennially popular live podcast interview series in which comedian Richard Herring (*"The Podfather"*, The Guardian) chats with some of the biggest names in comedy and entertainment returns to the Fringe, with a different show every day, top guests, improvised chat, revelations and big laughs. Hosted by one-balled Taskmaster Champion and *"King of Edinburgh"* (The List), RHLSTP is the only podcast to ask the questions you never knew you wanted to know the answer to: Ham hand or suncream armpit? Richard's 43<sup>rd</sup> show and his 26<sup>th</sup> Fringe, previous Fringe interviewees include Richard Osman, Sarah Millican and Adam Buxton. Head to [richardherring.com](http://richardherring.com) for guest names.

## Rob Auton – The Crowd Show

*“A genuine original. Poetical, philosophical, humane, completely charming and funny to boot”*

**Paul Fleckney, The Guardian**



Following on from two consecutive years of being named one of the best reviewed comedy shows at the Edinburgh Fringe, *The Crowd Show* is a show about crowds, the power of people and togetherness. It is suitable for anybody who wants to be in the crowd for this show. Award-winning comedian and podcaster Rob Auton has previously performed one-hour shows about the colour yellow, the sky, faces, water, sleep, hair, talking and time. Rob’s daily podcast, *The Rob Auton*

*Daily Podcast*, won *Best Daily Podcast* at the *British Podcast Awards* and last year HarperCollins’ Mudlark released his latest book, *I Strongly Believe in Incredible Things*, which he both wrote and illustrated. *“Poetic, pithy and profound piece about what makes us human”* (Bruce Dessau, Evening Standard ★★★★★). *“He romantically seeks wonder and amazement in the everyday...an engaging, thoughtful show”* (Steve Bennett, Chortle ★★★★★). *“Makes laughter out of wonder and brings us all together. We need him”* (Kate Copstick, The Scotsman). *“Something that’ll leave you feeling all warm and fuzzy round the edges.”* (Gayle Anderson, The Herald). *“Brilliant”* (Stewart Lee).

## Simon Brodtkin – Screwed Up

*“There aren’t many better comedians to turn to”*

**The Telegraph ★★★★★**



World-famous prankster and award-winning character comedian presents his second stand-up show as himself. The brand-new show, far more personal than his debut, sees Simon explore his recent ADHD diagnosis, the disparity between mental and physical health, and dive headfirst into examining religion, war and politics. In *Screwed Up* Simon also continues to explore his identity and relationship to fame, having made headlines all over the world with his notorious stunts but

been rejected by *I’m A Celebrity* for not being famous enough. Simon’s debut show as himself at the 2019 Fringe became a smash hit, enjoying a sell-out run, and was selected by The Guardian and Evening Standard as one of the ‘Best Comedy Shows at the Edinburgh Fringe’. The show was described as *“a sublime piece of daft comedy”* (The List ★★★★★) which *“hits plenty of bullseyes”* (Beyond The



Joke ★★★★★) and “a welcome evolution” (The Scotsman ★★★★★). Simon took the show on a nationwide tour, which was extended to almost 100 dates to meet huge demand.

## SHOW DETAILS

Act/ Talent	Show	Venue	Dates	Time
Al Murray, The Pub Landlord	Gig For Victory	Assembly, Palais du Variété	22 <sup>nd</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> August	8.10pm
Chloe Petts	Transience	Pleasance, Upstairs	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> August (excluding 15 <sup>th</sup> August)	6.00pm
Ed Gamble	Electric	Assembly, Gordon Aikman Theatre	8 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> August	9.00pm
Flo & Joan	Sweet Release	Assembly, Roxy Central	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> August (excluding 16 <sup>th</sup> August)	8.10pm
Frank Skinner	30 Years of Dirt	Assembly, Roxy Central	4 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> August (except Wednesdays)	9.40pm
Jayde Adams	Men, I Can Save You	Pleasance, Cabaret Bar	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> August	8.20pm
Luke Kempner	Macho Macho Man	Pleasance, Above	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> August (excluding 17 <sup>th</sup> August)	6.40pm
Matt Forde	Clowns to the Left of Me, Jokers to the Right	Pleasance, Beyond	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> August	8.00pm
Matt Forde	The Political Party	Gilded Balloon Teviot, Debating Hall.	15 <sup>th</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> August	2.00pm
	The Political Party with Gordon Brown	Underbelly Bristo Square, McEwan Hall	7 <sup>th</sup> August	3.30pm
Phil Wang	The Real Hero in All This	Assembly, Gordon Aikman Theatre	15 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> August	9.00pm
Richard Herring	RHLSTP	Assembly, Ballroom	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> August	12.10pm
Rob Auton	The Crowd Show	Assembly, The Blue Room	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> August (excluding 16 <sup>th</sup> August)	2.50pm
Simon Brodtkin	Screwed Up	Pleasance, Cabaret Bar	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> August (excluding 15 <sup>th</sup> August)	9.40pm