

**PIERRE NOVELLIE ANNOUNCES BRAND NEW TOUR WITH  
SOLD OUT EDINBURGH FRINGE SHOW,  
'WHY ARE YOU LAUGHING?'**



*"One of the great talking points of this year's Fringe... pulls huge big laughs... you'll still be laughing about it as you walk away up the cobbled streets"*

**Claire Smith, The Scotsman**

*"One of the most masterful displays of pure stand-up I've seen this year... he's one of the best we've got"*

**Tim Harding, Chortle**

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**Included in British Comedy Guide's list of best reviewed shows at  
the Edinburgh Festival Fringe 2023**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December - Comedian **Pierre Novellie** announces a brand new tour of his show '*Why Are You Laughing?*'. This follows a critically acclaimed full month run at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe this year, which also saw Pierre place in the 'Best-reviewed Edinburgh Fringe shows 2023' for the third time. The comic will first be kicking things off with a 10-night run at London's **Soho Theatre, Downstairs** from **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April** (excluding 31<sup>st</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> April), then taking the show across the UK and Ireland.

Having found the answer to the title of his 2022 show, '*Why Can't I Just Enjoy Things?*' thanks to a heckler correctly diagnosing him with autism, Pierre now turns the question to the audience and asks

'Why Are You Laughing?'. The observational comic explains UK drinking culture, fantasy novels and how a dog stopped him learning the saxophone.

**Tickets to Pierre's Soho Theatre run on sale now. Tickets for the 'Why Are You Laughing?' tour on sale at 10:00am, Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December, for pre-sale tickets sign up to the mailing list at [www.pierrenovellie.com](http://www.pierrenovellie.com)**

Pierre's stand up special, 'Quiet Ones', has reached over 400,000 views on YouTube and his television writing and performance credits include *Mock The Week* (BBC2), *The Mash Report* (BBC2), *Spitting Image* (ITV/Britbox), *Stand Up Central* (Comedy Central), as well as appearing on *World's Most Dangerous Roads* (Dave). He is a regular co-host of *The Frank Skinner Show* on Absolute Radio and is the co-host of the *BudPod* podcast with fellow comedian and friend **Phil Wang**, where they have reached 4 million downloads to date. His other audio work includes co-hosting BBC Sounds' *Obsessed With... SAS: Rogue Heroes* where he unpacks the BBC drama series with **Spencer Matthews**, *The News Quiz* (BBC Radio 4) and *The Now Show* (BBC Radio 4).

As well as his upcoming run at Soho Theatre as part of his brand new tour, three time Chortle award nominee Pierre will also be seen at the Gielgud Theatre, supporting comedy legend **Frank Skinner** who is returning to the West End for a 2 week run in February 2024 (Monday 5<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February).

#### **Previous praise for Pierre Novellie**

*"packed full of belly laughs...impressively well written, perfectly building and building and rich with detail – each topic could be a full show on its own. Novellie delivers it all with real astuteness and skill, at once relaxed and arresting"*

**Sharon Lougher, Metro**

*"Hilarious...he will go far"*

**Dominic Maxwell, The Times**

*"the laughs keep coming... Novellie is every inch the assured, smart-jacketed storyteller... Novellie might not be a fan of them but this clearly warrants a handful of his dreaded crying laughing emojis"*

**Bruce Dessau, Evening Standard**

**★★★★★ Metro ★★★★★ The Times ★★★★★ Evening Standard**

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