

## LUKE KEMPNER TO BRING HIT FRINGE SHOW, 'GRITTY POLICE DRAMA: A ONE MAN MUSICAL', TO LONDON'S SOHO THEATRE

### 'GRITTY POLICE DRAMA: A ONE MAN MUSICAL' - 60 IMPRESSIONS, 60 MINUTES, 1 MURDER

*"It should really just be called Luke Kempner: DI Bullseye, because it works... good-natured verve, and bravura singing to boot... With at least one good gag a minute as well as those voices, this is his most accomplished show since his Downton Abbey debut" ★★★★★*

**Dominic Cavendish, The Telegraph**

*"Outrageously talented... it was too much fun... nailed the impressions... massively entertaining... The audience ate out of his hand from the word go, loving the recognition of familiar voices, familiar tropes and daft combinations of characters... Kempner can sell a gag, a song, a routine. He's a one-man variety explosion... this is a blast of laughter and music to raise the spirits, a refreshing, feelgood performance." ★★★★★*

**Julia Chamberlain, Chortle**

*"The fun is fast and furious... It's hilarious... Kempner is a very personable entertainer to be with. They even had to add another couple of performances. Recommended" ★★★★★*

**James Bryce, Musical Theatre Review**

Following a sold-out and critically acclaimed month long run at the Edinburgh festival Fringe, **Luke Kempner** (*Les Misérables*, *Spitting Image: Idiots Assemble*, *Steph's Packed Lunch*), will be bringing 'GRITTY POLICE DRAMA: A ONE MAN MUSICAL', to Soho Theatre. The comedian, impressionist, podcaster and West End performer will be performing his new show from **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April** (19:30), Downstairs.

Britain loves a gritty police drama but what about one that features all of the detectives from your favourite shows, plus voices of the world's biggest celebrities and on top of all of that: it's a musical! It's Line of Duty meets Happy Valley meets Match of the Day meets The Traitors meets the West End and all done by Luke Kempner, the "one-man variety explosion" (Chortle). Every impression, every note, every murder.

Tickets on sale now at [www.sohotheatre.com](http://www.sohotheatre.com)

Star of *Les Misérables* (in which he plays Monsieur Thenardier), Luke Kempner is well known for being a comedian and impressionist at the top of his game receiving over 10 million views on his popular videos online. Last year saw Luke voice over 30 puppets in the West End production of *Spitting Image: Idiots Assemble*, including **King Charles**, **Prince Harry**, **Harry Styles**, **Ed Sheeran**, **Jurgen Klopp** and many more. His TV credits include *Spitting Image* (BritBox), *Steph's Packed Lunch* (Channel 4), *The Last Leg* (Channel 4), *Love Island: Aftersun* (ITV 2), *The Stand Up Sketch Show* (ITV 2) and *CelebAbility* (ITV 2). As well as this, Luke created and starred in his own review show for ITV 2, entitled *Luke Kempner's Impression of 2015* and was the resident comedian on *Celebrity Big Brother's Bit On The Side* (Channel 5) for 9 series. He is also a regular on BBC Radio 4's topical comedy institutions *The Now Show* and *News Jack*. He can also be heard on his weekly podcast series

with his wife **Alana Macfarlane Kempner** and her identical twin sister/co-conspirator **Lisa Macfarlane**, otherwise known as **The Mac Twins** – *Sh\*t! I Married a Twin*.

**More praise for Luke Kempner:**

*“Gloriously funny”*  
**Independent**

*“Remarkable, tour de force one-man show... a teatime hour of unalloyed pleasure.” ★★★★★*  
**The Daily Telegraph**

*“This is undoubtedly one of THE funniest shows we have seen at the Fringe this year. We were blown away by the talent in the room... You have to put this show on your watch list, it cannot be missed. Fearless, funny and faultless” ★★★★★*  
**Rachel Marin, West End Best Friend**

*“hour of all-round entertainment... There is something for everyone here... you would not be able to find such high production quality and singing talent in many other shows of its kind at Edinburgh Fringe... witty... The audience is in hysterics... the jokes are clever... Captivating and receiving a standing ovation, this show also garners an outrageous amount of applause. This is a show that I could see every audience enjoying... The world would benefit if the imagination of Luke Kempner contributed to more police dramas. There would certainly be plenty more laughs.” ★★★★★*  
**Emily O'Mullane, Ed Fringe Review**

*“a high-energy hour of laugh out loud mimicry... outrageous gags and some wickedly funny observations... a fine singing voice... effortlessly delivering the musical elements to great applause” ★★★★★*  
**Liam Rudden, Liam’s Newsletter**

*“king of impressions... an entertaining hour... the delivery is very impressive and allows Luke’s skills as an outstanding impressionist and brilliant singer to shine through... Being able to say a few lines as a character is hard enough but being able to sing and act like that individual really steps it up a notch... Expect lots of laughter and the opportunity to see an impression king at work.” ★★★★★*  
**Callum Stott, The Scots Reviewer**

*“uber-talented impressionist... the musical scores are fabulous... guffaw-inducing... eye-wateringly hilarious impressions that only get stronger as the show goes on... has all the ingredients to make a memorable Fringe show, but these ingredients are also of a high quality. I would happily watch it again.” ★★★★★*  
**Chloe Codling, Ed Fringe Review**

*“his mimicry of gestures is exceptional... left the crowd howling... increased heights of mastery... a joy to watch” ★★★★★*  
**Elodie Marriott, Ed Fest Mag**

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