

## AWARD WINNING COMEDIAN KATIE NORRIS SET TO BRING BRAND NEW SHOW, 'GO WEST, OLD MAID', TO EDINBURGH FESTIVAL FRINGE

*"tremendous solo debut... wonderfully batty and unapologetic... A solo debut to cherish" ★★★★★*

**Brian Logan, The Guardian**

*"intense, unpredictable and hilarious... sensational performance... an impressive, versatile performance... powerful musical numbers... cheerfully insane hour" ★★★★★*

**Steve Bennett, Chortle**

*"well worth the wait... exquisitely varied and uproariously funny songs... sublime character comedy, it's a wonderfully packaged introduction to her talents... throughout, the wit and panache with which Norris delivers her songs, the poise she displays with her expressive comic physicality, well, it's a sublime, witch's brew of ingredients for a first-rate debut" ★★★★★*

**Jay Richardson, The Scotsman**

*"cracking solo debut hour... Norris really cannot put a foot wrong. This is a deceptively complex, laugh-out-loud show" ★★★★★*

**Jo Laidlaw, The List**

It was announced today that following her big win of 'Best Show' at this year's Leicester Comedy Festival Awards, **Katie Norris** will be returning to the Edinburgh Festival Fringe with her brand new show, *'Go West, Old Maid'*. As well as following her recent award win, the news follows a triumphant debut run at the Fringe last year which saw her sell out her entire Fringe run, including extra shows added to keep up with demand.

Fringe audiences will be delighted to hear that with her suitcase in hand, Katie will be presenting an autobiographical hour for her fellow cat ladies and theatre nerds. *'Go West, Old Maid'* is a show packed full of unhinged honesty with a musical theatre edge that touches on being a single cat lady feeling the pressure of traditional milestones from friends and family.

Last year's Fringe show, *'Farm Fatale'*, saw Katie receive incredible critical praise with many highlighting her sensational on stage presence and talented performance. After a sell out Fringe run, she went on to perform a sold out London run at the Soho Theatre and earlier this year she won Best Show at the Leicester Comedy Festival Awards 2025. Katie was also the winner of the Musical Comedy Awards 2023, nominee for NextUp's Biggest Award in Comedy and semi-finalist at the BBC New Comedy Awards 2023.

Katie is well known for being half of the cult comedy duo *Norris & Parker*, with whom she has had multiple sell outruns across London and the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. Her success with *Norris & Parker* saw Katie featured in the top comedy picks from The Guardian, Evening Standard and The Independent. She can also be heard on BBC Radio 4's *The Now Show*, *Newsjack* and *DMs are Open*.

Previous praise as Norris & Parker:

*"Her comic timing is as exquisite as her voice"*

**Sharon Lougher, Chortle**

*"commanding performance, complete with Kate Bush-style vocals"*

**Bruce Dessau, Beyond the Joke**

*"It calls to mind Phoebe Waller Bridge's Fleabag - there can be no bigger compliment." ★★★★★*

**Rupert Hawksley, The Telegraph**

*"Fine, funny writing and skilful comic performance" ★★★★★*

**Brian Logan, The Guardian**

*"Norris has a cracking singing voice" ★★★★★*

**Vernoica Lee, The Arts Desk**

*"bloody funny... terrific to watch" ★★★★★*

**Paul Fleckney, Chortle**

*"great comic timing" ★★★★★*

**Jenni Ajderian, The Skinny**

**EDINBURGH FRINGE LISTINGS INFORMATION:**

Katie Norris: Go West, Old Maid

Venue: Pleasance Courtyard, Beneath

Date & Time: 30<sup>th</sup> July – 24<sup>th</sup> August (not 13<sup>th</sup>), 19:40

Duration: 60 mins

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