

Edinburgh Festival Cabaret News

LT Productions and Monsterpiece presents:

PHIL NICHOL: THE ASYLUM

With Kirsty Newton and The LuNaTicS

Venue: Heroes @ Monkey Barrel- Headroom
9 Blair Street

Time: 11.50pm until close (runs 3+ hours)

Dates: Thurs- Sat 3rd – 5th, 10th – 12th, 17th – 19th, 24th – 26th August

The LuNaTicS have taking over the Asylum!

It's the weekend and the inmates of **The Asylum** are putting on a variety show! **The Asylum** is a bold departure from other cabaret and comedy shows. A unique mix of stand-up, musical guests, outrageous hijinks and audience participation all wrapped up in the most fun immersive theatre show on the fringe. Dress like a loony and get involved!

Multi-award winner Phil Nichol will be accompanied by his trusted sidekick Kirsty Newton and backed by the hot musical stylings of her band The LuNaTicS that comprise of local music legends Cammy 'Mad Bastard' Sinclair and Nurse Emma Smith of Gorillaz fame! The LuNaTicS will allow you to 'go mental' in a One Flew Over The Cuckoos Nest of late night entertainment.

The Asylum is a fully immersive three hours of theatrical entertainment with two sets of cabaret followed by DJ Loopy in the bar playing the most bizarre tracks he can find while downstairs the Aftershock Room puts on special pop-up performances from the biggest Fringe stars and the loopest clowns on the ward. Become one of the crazies and join in the fun or sit back and take notes as one of the clinical therapists. It's up to you. Either way, you will leave **The Asylum** ready for life back in the 'real' world. If laughter is the best medicine then **The Asylum** will heal all your earthly woes!

After the success of Phil Nichol's Cray Cray Cabaret at the Assembly Rooms in 2015, He's back with a new, sillier, action-packed, guest filled explosion of craziness at the aptly named Monkey Barrel, Edinburgh's hottest fringe comedy venue on Blair St. **The Asylum WILL BE THE PLACE TO BE.** Every weekend of the fringe Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights...for three plus hours that turns into a lunatics club! You'd be bonkers not to come!!

Come and see the hottest comics, the maddest characters, hypnotic magicians, sensational hoola hoops, stunning vocals, silly big clowns and stupid drinking games. Fast, furious, hysterical fun and a great way to close your night. You will laugh like a drain!

The Asylum is comedy cabaret theatre at it's craziest and most unhinged. This will not be like any other show you see this year. Special guest and hysterics are guaranteed.

PHIL NICHOL: was recently seen playing Mark in Sharon Horgan and Rob Delaney's hit Channel 4 sitcom Catastrophe and as Jerry in the award-winning BBC3 show Uncle. Last year Phil played gay Vicar Drew in the Greg Davies sitcom Man Down and appeared in Siblings and was also recently seen playing Terry Gilliam in BBC4's BAFTA nominated Holy Flying Circus. He has starred alongside Christian Slater in One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest, Boy George in Taboo and Bill Bailey in the fringe hit Twelve Angry Men, which also toured the International Festivals. Trained as an actor at the School of Dramatic Art in Windsor, Ontario, Phil is also a screenwriter and musician with three comedy albums and a non-comedy album (July 2015). He has won numerous performance awards including the 2005 Stage Award for Acting Excellence (The Zoo Story), the 2006 Edinburgh Comedy Award (The Naked Racist) and most recently a Scotsman Fringe First for the monologue Somewhere Beneath It All, A Small Fire Burns Still (2011).

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KIRSTY NEWTON: is a multi-instrumentalist "human jukebox", musical director, arranger, songwriter, singer, MC and comedy performer and has been working with top comedians for more than a decade, combining her musical talent and wit for a multitude of acts including Arthur Smith, Rich Hall, Mitch Benn and Charlie Baker amongst many others. She co-hosts and runs London's premiere musical comedy night "*The Distraction Club*" and her cult show "*Kirsty's Poptastic Piano Singalong*" is a sell-out hit every month. She is also in great demand as a solo performer for music and comedy shows, festivals and private events. She is a regular guest with legendary improvisers The Comedy Store Players and is a member of the sensational crowd-singalong Massaoke band. Her debut solo show "*Kirsty Newton: Life Begins At Party!*" premiered at the Edinburgh Fringe 2016 to sell-out crowds and critical acclaim. TV and radio credits include *The Graham Norton Show*, *The World Stands Up*, *Comedy Shuffle*, *A Song For Europe*, *Mitch Benn's Crimes Against Music* and *Loose Ends*.

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