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Brighton Fringe Festival 2024



The Leeds Tealights Present:

IT'S YOUR OWN TIME YOU'RE WASTING

The **Leeds Tealights** present their latest bizarre, offbeat sketch show “**It's Your Own Time You're Wasting**” which promises the audience a detention they'll never forget. From David

Attenborough narrating his dinner, to a post-apocalyptic cult that worships an early noughties R&B album, to the first woman to discover you can sit on a chair backwards, these talented young comedians effortlessly blend all forms of comedy from observational to character to downright surreal, creating a show that resonates with people of all ages.



Based at the University of Leeds, the Tealights have a DIY ethos, handling everything themselves - writing, directing, producing, and even curating their own tech. With only seven members and without access to Oxbridge-level funding, the Tealights have to work tirelessly throughout the year raising funds to support their Fringe runs through sell-out sketch shows and stand-up nights in their home city, as well as tour dates across the country (London, Durham, Bristol, Cambridge), ensuring that the show you will see is only the cream of the crop of well-rehearsed and audience-tested sketches.

Formed in 2005, the Leeds Tealights have been a mainstay of the sketch comedy scene for nearly twenty years, and have been a consistent presence at Edinburgh Fringe for over a decade. Many of its former members have gone on to find success on the UK comedy circuit, including Jack Barry, recently featured in Channel 4 series 'Feel Good', and award-winning comedian Annie McGrath.

This year's Tealights are sure to follow suit, and already have plenty of experience under their belts. In the comedy scene, group members have already excelled as stand-up and character comedians in their own right, from competing in the Leicester Square Sketch Off to performing in the 'Lovely Boys and Friends' variety show. As writers, Tealights members have found success in the theatre world, bringing their own plays to the stage both in Leeds and at Edinburgh Fringe. The group also boasts distinguished acting talents, including National Youth Theatre alumni holding diplomas from The London College of Music and LAMDA, garnering credits ranging from international performances at L'Art au Moulin theatre festival in Lyon to the sold-out run of acclaimed play “Bye Bye Baby” at Edinburgh Fringe.

LISTING INFORMATION:

VENUE: Basement Room @
The Walrus
DATES: 26th-29th May
TIME: 8PM (60mins)
TICKET PRICES: £7(£5)
BOX OFFICE: 01273 025749

“The Tealights’ absurd sketches and unexpected choices are rip-roaringly funny”
– Broadway Baby ★★★★★

“It is no understatement to say that every single sketch from the Leeds team caused the audience to erupt into laughter”
– Palatinate ★★★★★

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