

Ray Fordyce

Fringe 2026

Press Release

Ray Fordyce is returning to the Fringe 2026 with two fantastic shows. The first will be his legendary variety show and the second will be his third solo show.

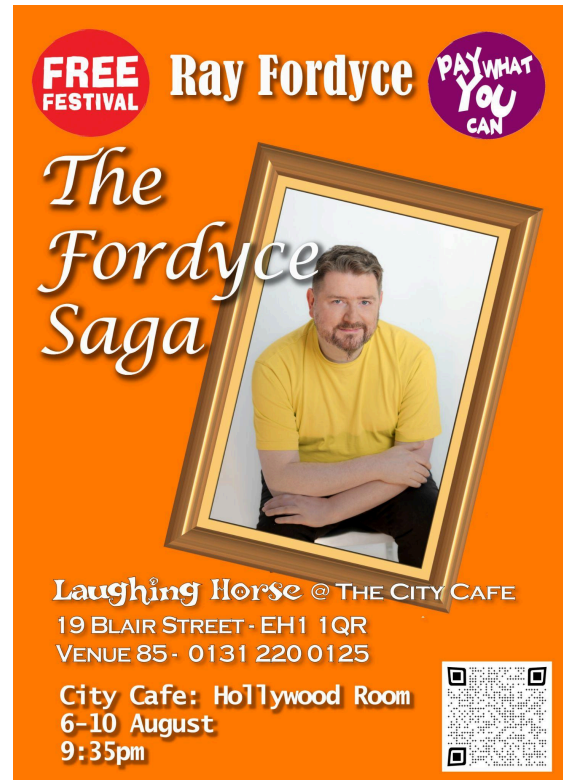


Ray Fordyce's Not-So Royal Variety Show

This will be Ray's 12th variety show at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. He has been hosting variety shows since his debut back in 2011. This year, there will be over 100 acts taking to the not-so royal stage, ranging from veteran Fringe performers coming to plug their own show, to fresh, new acts making their festival debut. There will also be some guest hosts to shake things up a little. The show will also feature improv special shows on Fridays, where Ray and up to five other acts will play a series of improv games with subjects chosen by the audience. There will also be special "free-for-all" days on Wednesdays to accommodate any last minute performers who wish to sign up on the day.

The Fordyce Saga

The second show is “The Fordyce Saga”. Ray’s third solo show. In this show, Ray talks about the saga of his life and how it’s made him into who he is today. He talks about his upbringing in a rough area of his hometown and how it wasn’t good for someone like him. He talks about his trials and tribulations through his school and university days, up to the troubles from his adult life and how a love for gaming and languages has got him through some very dark times.



The poster features a bright orange background. At the top left, a red circle contains the text "FREE FESTIVAL". To its right, the name "Ray Fordyce" is written in a white, bold, sans-serif font. Further right, a purple circle contains the text "PAY WHAT YOU CAN" in white. Below these, the title "The Fordyce Saga" is written in a large, white, cursive font. A framed photograph of Ray Fordyce, wearing a yellow t-shirt and having his arms crossed, is positioned to the right of the title. At the bottom, the text "Laughing Horse @ THE CITY CAFE" is written in a white, sans-serif font, followed by the address "19 BLAIR STREET - EH1 1QR" and the phone number "VENUE 85 - 0131 220 0125". Below this, the show details "City Cafe: Hollywood Room", "6-10 August", and "9:35pm" are listed. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner.

Ray Fordyce has been performing stand-up comedy since 2010, making his stage debut at an open mic in a small pub in Edinburgh. Hailing from Dundee, he decided to move to Edinburgh to further his comedy career and hasn’t looked back. He is a regular on the Edinburgh circuit and has been performing shows at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival since 2011, where his debut “Rocky Road Show” took place. His variety shows have now become a regular fixture of the festival and over 500 acts have taken to the stage on his shows. He has also done split bills over the years and, in 2024, he did his first ever solo show “Finally Going Solo”, which first debuted at the Glasgow International Comedy Festival. His second solo show “Quincunx” had dates in Glasgow, Edinburgh, Leicester and Brighton festivals and he is now ready for his third show.

His style is anecdotal and observational and he also does a little bit of satire and improvisation, plus he has also been known to throw in some impersonations into his set.