

DONALD McGINTY BRINGS THE SEASIDE TO EDINBURGH FRINGE

Answer the call of nature and set sail for daft laughs at **Going Coastal with Donald McGinty** at the Edinburgh Fringe. Just don't forget the McGinty family motto "whin adventure beckons be daein' yer business afore ye leave the hoose!"

TV Presenter Donald McGinty is coming to Edinburgh with his award-nominated show **Going Coastal**. The show explores all that is good about the Great British coast and audiences will learn how Donald got over his fear of the sea after a series of TV mishaps. "You'd think that a fear of the sea, in someone who presents a programme about the sea, would be something of an impediment," laughs Donald. "And you'd be right."

Some have said Donald is brave for telling such a personal story at the World's biggest arts festival. Donald is keen to stress, "I'm not brave for telling my story. No, brave would be an English character comedian doing a Scottish character at the Edinburgh Fringe."

Instead, Donald is eager to use this show to promote seaside safety and care for nature. "I know The City Cafe is quite far from the coast and up a hill, but with climate change who knows what will happen a year from now."

It's a light-hearted, light entertainment show with some surprisingly dark bits, with jokes about the seaside, seagulls and c-list celebrities. There's an earnest bit about the environment, a quiz, a very nice picture of a puffin, a vaguely satisfying dramatic arc and a very niche reference to the TV show *Neighbours*. As Donald says, "Something for everyone."

The show also reflects Donald's growing concerns about pollution on the nation's waters. The Scottish Environmental Protection Agency have even recently advised swimmers not to take a dip when Edinburgh's Portobello beach due to ongoing issues with pollution. Donald says, "I'm only mentioning that here because I was told it might get me more press coverage. The main intent of the show is to make people laugh."

As well as delighting audiences, this very silly show - which some have likened to the old BBC show *Coast* - also picked up an award nomination when it debuted at the Brighton Fringe. "It was for best poster design," Donald clarifies. "But it still counts."

Don't miss this very silly character comedy show when it comes to Laughing Horse at City Cafe on 6th-16th August at 11.55am. To guarantee a seat, you can book a Pay What You Want ticket in advance starting at £2.50. Alternatively, audiences can make a donation at the end if they can afford to do so. Donald promises that all proceeds will go to a very good cause, "paying a parking fine I got when we were filming in Morecambe."

The show is written and performed by Sean Mason from Edinburgh Fringe favourites The Totally Improvised Musical and ComedySportz.

RELEASE ENDS

VENUE: Laughing Horse @ City Cafe - Nineties Room (Venue 85)

DATES: 6th - 16th August 11.55am (1hr)

TICKETS: PWYC starting from £2.50 (or donations)