

PRESS RELEASE: Hi-tech clown comedy *My Date with Pierce Brosnan* comes to Edinburgh Fringe

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It's **anarchic**, it's **saucy**, and it's **controlled by the audience!** *My Date with Pierce Brosnan* is the latest interactive comedy show by trailblazer of indie video games Alistair Aitcheson.

Mixing drag, clown and video game technology it's ideal for improv lovers seeking something ambitious, queer and interactive.

The show is coming to the Edinburgh Fringe for 15 nights at the legendary **City Cafe**, **August 15-30**.

Alistair stars as Mademoiselle Cafetière, a lonely clown who comes face to face with the man of her dreams: Hollywood actor Pierce Brosnan. There's just one catch...

Pierce Brosnan is a talking dummy controlled by the audience!

Audiences scan a QR code to join in. This lets them type what they want the dummy to say, and using Alistair's specially-made technology the dummy will immediately say it aloud on-stage.

How will our heartstruck heroine respond? Will she find true love before the chime of midnight?

"It's pure anarchy from start to finish," says Alistair Aitcheson, the show's creator. *"I love giving the audience free rein to do whatever they like. It's a show where everybody has the power to derail the story, and the date takes us to a different place every night."*

"Maybe Pierce Brosnan and I fall madly in love! Maybe we hate each other! One time he asked me to tear him open and climb inside of him, which I did. I love improv so I gladly say 'yes' to anything the audience throw at me!"

As well as providing voice lines for her celebrity beau, the audience also pretend to be customers in Cafetière's Parisian cafe, placing food orders using their phones, and write her dating profile.

My Date with Pierce Brosnan has taken Bristol by storm, and received glowing praise at the A MAZE Festival in Berlin and the Queerness in Games Conference in Montreal.

Dates and Location

City Cafe, 19 Blair St, Edinburgh EH1 1QR

11:10pm

15 - 30 August

FREE ENTRY to all performances

Edinburgh Fringe listing:

<https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/my-date-with-pierce-brosnan>

Free Festival listing: <https://freefestival.co.uk/show.aspx?showid=9725>

Resources

Show website: <https://mydatewith.show/>

Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DpKsAEcUmik>

Image pack:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1976fxBUSIQx0x-riwoh45g7PHWo6RYr_/view?usp=sharing

Preview Shows

BRIGHTON

Brighton Fringe

23 - 24 May

The Actors' Theatre

<https://www.brightonfringe.org/events/my-date-with-pierce-brosnan/>

WORCESTERSHIRE

Rik Mayall Fringe, Droitwich Spa

29 May @ Barbertown Droitwich

1 June @ Droitwich Library

<https://www.rikmayallcomedyfestival.com/events/my-date-with-pierce-brosnan/>

LONDON

Voidspace Live @ Theatre Deli

6 - 7 June

https://voidspacezine.com/voidspace-live-2026_/

BRISTOL

Bristol Improv Theatre

23 July

<https://events.improvtheatre.co.uk/events/my-date-with-pierce-brosnan-7201/my-date-with-pierce-brosnan-thu-23-jul>

About Alistair Aitcheson

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Alistair Aitcheson is a 15-year veteran of video game development, whose shows mixing clown, comedy and video games have taken indie gaming festivals by storm.

In 2016 he launched his debut interactive show, *The Incredible Playable Show* (www.playable.show) where the audience were invited onto the stage to play video games with strange controllers including barcode scanners and inflatable toys. It won the **Jury Choice Award** at the **IndieCade Independent Games Festival** in Los Angeles.

In 2022 his livestream game *Artholomew Video Stream Challenge* (www.artholomew.video) won the **Performance Award** at IndieCade and the **Most Creative Game Award** at PLAY Hamburg.

In 2025 he was given the **Bernie de Koven Big Fun Award** by IndieCade in recognition of his ongoing contributions to playful technology.

My Date with Pierce Brosnan brings together his twin passions of video games and clown theatre into an ambitious and fearless performance where every audience member gets to play and get creative.

Praise for Alistair Aitcheson

“a jolly, good-natured performer who positively says YES to everything – the sillier the better”
Bath Fringe Hub

<https://bathfringehub.wixsite.com/home/post/review-the-crowd-creativity-show>

“The skill with which the experience is crafted to make audience input feel impactful - while creating a high-energy tightrope act that is carried by a single performer - is remarkable”

IndieCade Festival - Performance Award

<https://www.indiecade.com/festival-2022/awards/winners/>