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DSG Entertainment Skylar MacDonald's Fact Machine





FACT: Only around 38% of online dating users can be trusted not to lie about themselves online.

FACT: A yoghurt company in Italy produced an advert in 2009 that subtly but persistently encouraged you to engage in a sexual encounter with its products.

FACT: Mobile phones probably don't cause cancer, but it's possible to prove* that cancer causes mobile phones.

(* Not really)

In her brand-new Edinburgh Fringe show Fact Machine, **Skylar MacDonald** will endeavour to explain what links all of these facts together. **Fact Machine** is an exploration of how, like some members of the mass media and political establishment, you can use facts and figures to prove anything you want – if, like said politicians and media types, you don't worry too much about the small matters of "the truth" and "journalistic integrity." Armed with a well-researched (and fully referenced) PowerPoint presentation, Skylar will take you on a journey through the minds of the statistically average single American: what they like, how they spend their time, and what they write when they leave online shopping reviews.

Skylar has developed **Fact Machine** over the last couple of years, and is excited to bring it to the Fringe now that the relationship between politics and the truth is more strained now than ever before. In a lecture that'll take you back to your uni days, she'll show you that cold hard facts shouldn't always be taken at face value.

Skylar has previously worked as a web developer, mystery shopper, IKEA furniture assembler, ambulance dispatcher, and now as a PowerPoint raconteur.

DSG Entertainment is a brand new company that has formed, much like a dust bunny, from the mess of ideas in Skylar MacDonald's brain. This will be the company's first Fringe performance, and first big comedy event overall. The company also makes other entertaining distractions, such as working on pod casts and other shows, and orchestrating what will hopefully turn out to be Britain's biggest live pub quiz. Though primarily a one-woman outfit, Skylar is backed up by a delightful team of freelancers and contractors who help her bring her ridiculous ideas to the world.

Expect bad puns, even worse science, and the statistical key to getting yourself a date on the internet—if you're willing to be a little "economical with the truth."

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Dates 1-17 Aug Time 20:40 (0hr50)

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