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## Liver and Lung Productions **Submission** by Shafeeq Shajahan



**What does it mean to be gay and Muslim? A contentious new play exploring the harsh realities faced by queer people of colour**

**Submission** tells the story of Sameer, a young British Pakistani, who struggles to reconcile his sexual desires with his Islamic roots. On the day of his 23rd birthday, Sameer hosts an unprecedented after-party with a friend. A series of unwelcome events unfold, triggering an unhinged response in Sameer. Not only does he question his faith, he also begins to acknowledge the cruel realities faced by queer people of colour.

Torn between his allegiance to Mecca and his desire for temporal modernity, Sameer recites spoken word-cum-Quranic compositions, poignantly integrating age-old philosophy with new-wave ideology. Using powerful verse and dynamic physical theatre against the backdrop of conventional naturalism, **Submission** is not only unique and contentious, but forces audiences to contemplate the importance of integration and harmony in increasingly troubling, terror-inducing times.

**Liver and Lung Productions** is a critically acclaimed and award-winning international theatre company. Their plays, musicals and events in London, Edinburgh and Malaysia have reached a wide audience. *Mahsuri and Other Perculiar Tales*, an original musical, recently won Malaysia's National Boh Cameronian Arts Award for Innovation in Musical Theatre. This is their third year at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

**'Director Shafeeq Shajahan making a virtue of low-budget necessity by letting a bare stage flow seamlessly... definitely an improvement on the grossly overproduced Broadway version'** *LondonTheatre.co.uk* on *Kiss of The Spider Woman*

**'Truly uplifting... with genuine goose bump moments'** *BroadwayBaby.com* on *Kiss of The Spider Woman*

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### Listings Information

Venue C royale, Royal Society of Edinburgh, 22 George Street, EH2 2PQ, venue 6  
Dates 2-28 Aug  
Time 14:20 (0h50)  
Ticket prices £9.50-£11.50 / concessions £7.50-£9.50  
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