

First Sprout Theatre (USA)
Deal with the Dragon
 by Kevin Rolston



Faustian bargain exploring self destruction named 'Best of the San Francisco Fringe'

Fresh from being named **Best of the San Francisco Fringe Deal With the Dragon** comes to Edinburgh. This darkly comic one-man play tells a very modern tale about what happens when a talented artist unwittingly (perhaps) strikes up a relationship with a handsome and cultivated European gentleman who oscillates from seduction to intimidation – and who also happens to have the gift of breathing fire. While the artist seeks a way out, another pursuing success and fame wants in. Among other things, the play asks: who is that charming man?

Kevin Rolston is a highly trained stage actor, with over a decade of experience with new writing plays and a background as a stand-up comic, which is the perfect training for a play that will make you laugh – and terrify you – as well as make you question your own decisions.

Rolston's theatre colleague and friend, **Mark Rucker**, was an early champion of the work. He played a crucial role in bringing the show to the stage, saying ' just need to let them know this play is really important to me, personally.' Less than two months later, Rucker was dead from an accidental overdose. In honour of his friend and mentor, Rolston hopes to continue the conversation about self-destructive behaviour, and whether it is possible to break free.

'Sly, shocking and won't let you go. A tale that twists and turns all the way to the end' KQED

'Infused with razor blades soaked in honey... Rolston's lasting achievement here is his careful inhabiting of three unique characters and in persuading the audience that there is, in fact, a dragon in the room.'
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Listings Information

Venue

C nova, venue 145, Edinburgh Festival Fringe

Dates

5-29 Aug (not 15)

Time

20:30 (1h10)

Ticket prices

£8.50-£10.50 / concessions £6.50-£8.50

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