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Asleik & Jon (Norway)
Aladdin and His Magical
Europe Refugee Tour 2016
by **Åsleik Engmark and Jon Rørmark**



**THEY HAVE CHANGED THEIR SHOW & PRESS RELEASE
MULTIPLE TIMES IN JUNE SO THIS IS ON HOLD**

**Aladdin, his wife and genie flee to Europe in this
adventurous musical road comedy that gives voice to the
refugee crisis**

Ever since Aladdin found his genie some hundred years ago, life has been easy. That's until he and his flying rubber dinghy are refused entry to Greece and sent back home. Back in the Middle East, when terrorists occupy his palace and execute family members, Aladdin realises freedom and safety cannot be achieved through simple magic.

Thus starts an adventure that features Humanitarians of Tinder, Italian tomato mafia, suicide bombers, exhausted immigration officials and discharged smartphones. Will Aladdin find his kidnapped wife? Will the International Genie Union allow the genie to use the word 'no'? Will they ever feel free and safe again? And the Europeans - do they feel free and safe?

This comedy is an entertaining mix of live music, physical theatre, puppetry, storytelling and stand-up - with a little help from the audience. Follow the whole journey through a magical cupboard, travelling through musical adventures featuring everything from tear-inducing power ballads to Austrian yodelling.

Norwegian multi-artists **Åsleik & Jon** make their debut at the Fringe with this world premiere. **Åsleik Engmark** is a director, scriptwriter, actor, singer and award-winning stand-up comedian. **Jon Rørmark**, a musician, orchestra leader, comedian and award-winning composer.

Although this is their first major production as a performing duo, their teamwork over the past fifteen years has resulted in a variety of productions. This includes director/actor and composer in the Berlinale participant and award-winning children's movie *Twigson (Knerten)*; scriptwriter/singer and composer in *The Halibut Prince*, a comic opera about fish farming and gene-manipulation.

The production is supported by Arts Council Norway, Fritt Ord (Free Word Foundation), Norwegian Centre for New Playwriting, TONO and NOPA.

'A display of enjoyment and improvisation, within a range of music

Listings Information

Venue	C nova, venue 145, Edinburgh Festival Fringe
Dates	3-29 Aug (not 15)
Time	17:30 (1h00)
Ticket prices	£7.50-£9.50 / concessions £5.50-£7.50
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Fringe box office	0131 226 0000 / www.edfringe.com

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