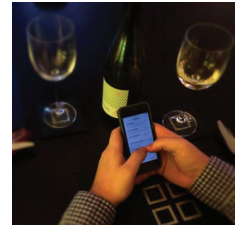


Balagan Productions Dates by Rebecca Heitlinger



Pray, what means this aubergine emoji?

After a sold-out run in Oxford in 2016, this smash-hit sketch show is bringing its 21st century take on dating to the Edinburgh Fringe. **Balagan Productions** consists of a group of student actors and comedians from **Oxford University**.

Dates is an original sketch comedy by **Rebecca Heitlinger** satirising the trials and tribulations of dating in the modern age. In an era of social media, dating apps and third wave feminism, traditional dating practices are a thing of the past.

A practice that once referred to a chaperone accompanying two lovebirds on a country frolic now describes a hook-up in an Asda carpark. Ambiguity over the acceptability of your dowry to potential suitors has been gradually replaced by ambiguity over the use of an aubergine emoji. The choice between marrying one of your three first cousins in continental Europe has been widened to meeting any single man within a fifty-mile radius.

What is the result of these changing social norms, gender roles and dating practices? Comedic potential.

Dates comprises a series of varied sketches interlinked by the common thread of modern dating. From Tudor Tinder to Pay Tribute to the Patriarchy, and everything in between, this raucous hour of comedy will leave you in stitches. Amidst the sea of male-dominated sketch troupes, **Dates** provides a female perspective on love in the modern age. This is feminist comedy writing at its finest.

'The writing is clever, discerning, sharp, and at no point does it patronise' *Oxford Student*

'The script, at its very best, is sheer perfection' *Oxford Student*

'Had the audience howling with laughter' *Cherwell*

Listings Information

Venue	C royale, Royal Society of Edinburgh, 22 George Street, EH2 2PQ, venue 6
Dates	2-19 Aug
Time	15:20 (1h00)
Ticket prices	£7.50-£9.50 / concessions £5.50-£7.50
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