

No Shoes Theatre

The Improvised Musical



No Shoes Theatre return with *The Improvised Musical* following a sell-out run at last year's Festival. On a bigger stage and with a talented new cast this year's show promises to be bigger and better than ever.

The Improvised Musical sees a group of actors and musicians simultaneously devise, compose and perform a brand new musical based on audience suggestions. From heroes and villains, through comedy sidekicks, star-crossed lovers and talking animals, the actors will create an array of strange and wonderful characters and weave them into a hilarious and (relatively) coherent story.

In true musical theatre fashion, actors may break into song at any moment and the talented live band will join them to spontaneously write a brand new musical number. Expect a lot of laughter, some impressive collective improvisation, spontaneous harmonies, impromptu dance routines, and maybe even a few touching moments. Anything can happen and everything will in this high-energy show you can enjoy again and again.

With no template song structures, predetermined story lines or an all-powerful director, the show relies entirely on the razor sharp wit of the cast and the spur-of-the-moment inspiration of the band – even the props are improvised, borrowed from the audience at the beginning of the show.

No Shoes Theatre is an energetic company specialising in musical theatre. Based in York, the company have worked together on productions including *Sweet Charity*, *The Full Monty* and *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*. The company's members' previous projects at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe include the critically acclaimed *TONY! The Blair Musical*, *Songs for a New World* and the sell-out run of *An Improvised Musical* last year.

'A daring experiment to apply such a pure form of improv to such a complicated genre. Fans of improv will admire it greatly' ★★★★★ FringeGuru.

'Something Special' ★★★★★ Three Weeks.

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Listings Information

Venue C, venue 34, Edinburgh Festival Fringe

Dates 4-30 Aug (not 14)

Time 6.30pm (1hr00)

Ticket prices £8.50-£10.50 / concessions £7.50-£9.50 / children £5.50-£7.50

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