

THE EDINBURGH FRINGE SURVIVAL GUIDE: LIVE!

A show presented by Mark Fisher

Directed by Sue Emmas



AS PART OF THE EDINBURGH FESTIVAL FRINGE 2012

Venue: Cabaret Bar, Pleasance Courtyard (Venue 33)
Dates: 9, 10, 16, 17, 23 & 24 August 2012
Time: 11.30am (one hour)
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Critic turns presenter for stage version of acclaimed Edinburgh Fringe book – and promises audience an extra dose of vitamin C

Theatre critic **Mark Fisher** is moving across the footlights to present a show on the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. Following the publication of **The Edinburgh Fringe Survival Guide** in February, the Edinburgh journalist is hosting a chat show, supported by the Pleasance Theatre Trust, based on his celebrated book.

"I made my first appearance on the Fringe in a student show in 1983," says Fisher, 47, a freelance contributor to the *Guardian*, the *Scotsman*, the *List* and *Edinburgh Festivals Magazine*. "I've been addicted to it ever since. I can't wait to be back on stage."

For each of the six shows, Fisher will be joined by top Fringe actors, comedians, directors and producers who will share their secrets about staging a successful Edinburgh Fringe show. "With over 20 years' experience writing about the festival, I can guarantee every show will be crammed with great advice," says Fisher, who will record the shows and make them available as podcasts on iTunes.

Thanks to the sponsorship of Leith Walk greengrocer **Tattie Shaws**, Fisher will be handing out fresh fruit to help audiences survive the pressures of the Fringe. "This is the world's most exhilarating festival and also the toughest," he says. "Every apple, orange and banana counts."

"A WONDERFULLY PRACTICAL BUT ALSO INSPIRATIONAL BOOK FULL OF GOOD ADVICE" Lyn Gardner, the Guardian

Published by Methuen Drama in 2012, *The Edinburgh Fringe Survival Guide* draws on the experiences of the festival's leading figures to help readers make their show a success. Among those sharing their expert advice in the book are playwright **Simon Stephens**, comedian **Phil Nichol**, actor **Siobhan Redmond**, producer **Guy Masterson**, Tiger Lillies front man **Martyn Jacques**, theatre critic **Lyn Gardner** and Foster's Edinburgh Comedy Award director **Nica Burns**.

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