# Programme for shows

### **NELSON FRINGE FESTIVAL VENUES:**

VENUE 1 (V1): REFINERY ARTSPACE, 3 Halifax Street VENUE 2 (V2): GHOST LIGHT THEATRE, 146 Bridge Street

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From Venue 1 (V1) to Venue 2 (V2) is 700m -

- 10 minute walk



9:00 My Dad's Deaths\_3 (V2)

5:00 G+Force\_1 (V2) Off Book\_2 (V2)

**FRIDAY 27/04** 

10:15 Having a party with **Gold Medal Famous** - 10 years in a weird electropop band\_4

# SATURDAY 28/04

10:30 The Bubble Show\_5 (V2) am - date changed 6:00 An Evening with Lord

Nelson 8 (V1) Friend Request\_9 (V1)

Dabda 10 (V1) Sir Cedric and Friends!

The Beginning: The **Beginners Guide** to Begin Stand-Up Comedy\_6 (V2) 10:15 Livin' La Vida Joker\_7

### **SUNDAY 29/04**

6:00 Home Alone -Abridged\_11 (V1) 7:30 Don't Push the Button 12 (V1) 9:00 Pat Goldsack's **Swingers Club and** 

### **MONDAY 30/04**

6:00 Assignment Bonbon\_14 (V1) 7:30 Deep South Caesar 15 (V1)

9:00 Pretending Things Are A

Cock\_16 (V1)

### TUESDAY 1/05

6:00 Expression\_17 (V1) 7:30 The Chronicles of: (Your name here)\_18 9:00 Rhian-vested\_19 (V1)

### WEDNESDAY 2/05

6:00 Double Georgie Pie: A Ballet\_20 (V1) 7:30 Strangers\_21(V1) 9:00 Logan Kitney What's My Definition\_22 (V1)

### THURSDAY 3/05

6:00 Penguins, Critters, and Humanity\_25 (V1) 7:30 Toxic Mas\_26 (V1) Apocalyptic Us\_27 9:00 (V1)

9:00 Home Invasion\_23 (V2) 10:15 Nathan Hedley

presents: is suicide an

option\_24 (V2)

# **FRIDAY 4/05**

5:00 The War Prayer Concert 28 (V2) 6:00 Hands! 33 (V1) **Bay City Shimmy** 6:30 A Belly Dance Show\_29 (V2)

The Man Who Was Thursday\_34 (V1) 8:00 Drop the Mask\_30 (V2)

Things that Funny\_35 (V1) 9:00 Fire in the Meth

Lab\_31 (V2) 10:15 Stepping Up\_32 (V2)

### SATURDAY 5/05

(V2)

10:30 The Bubble Show 5 (V1) new date and venu

KAURI JACK ~ All

Shook Up\_36 (V2) BALLISTA\_40 (V1)

Inside\_37 (V2) 6:30 2 Dope 2 Teen 41 (V1)

Last couple left on earth\_38 (V2) Alexander Sparrow is

ENIGMA\_42 (V1) The Thinking Person's Idiot\_39 (V2)

# **NELSON FRINGE FESTIVAL RULE of GAMES**

Improvise (I) **Physical Theatre (PTh)** Youth Show (YS)

Brothel 13 (V1)

Solo (So) Dance (Da)

Stand-Up (SU)

Comedy (Co) Circus (Ci)

Music (M)

Storytelling (St) Puppetry (P) Drama (D)

# See the full description of shows and more at ----->

10\_ Dabda

by Aaron Jelley

and thank the stars it's not you.

12\_ Don't Push the Button

by Katie Boyle

14\_ Assignment Bonbon

depends on them.

15\_ Deep South Caesar

by Aimee Smith

Tuxedo Cat Theatre

pressed. Repeat?

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### 1\_ G+Force G+Fenntertainment

One g is the acceleration due to gravity at the Earth's surface. Free fall is any motion of a body where gravity is the only force acting upon it. Air Resistance is futile in this expedient dismantling of being superlative. 2017's Spirit of the Fringe gets weird at 195k/h

The People's Republic of Improv

It's opening night of a new play... Take Nelson's

premier improvised theatre ensemble; add one

of their never seen before manuscript; present it to

My Dad's Deaths is the story of the strange

well know Nelsonian playwright and only six pages 📗



Melbourne Christchurch

### 9 Friend Request Katherine Weaver, Laura Irish & Brendon Bennetts

The only way to have a friend is to be one." Ralph Waldo Emerson. Katherine Weaver, Laura Irish and Brendon Bennetts have connected in life from three different continents through the power of improv. Their fast and joyful bond is the inspiration for this show about "the family that we choose.'

Aaron invites you into the minds of five artists,

each coping with their own grief... Failed careers,

failed relationships, failed dreams. Everyday

disappointments catapult these desperate characters

into surreal inner worlds of denial, anger, bargaining,

depression and, with luck, acceptance. Enjoy the mess,



PRESS

# 17\_ Expression YOUTH Space (YMCA Nelson)

Expression is a 45 minute long performance where youth from different walks of life come together to tell their stories, their way.

18\_ The Chronicles of: (Your name here)

Fighters and Thieves Guilds are on the brink of an

all-out war that could tear the city apart. You've

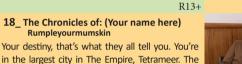
been sent to stop it and you've got some decisions

Rumpleyourmumskin



Four 10-minute plays which cover a range of themes and genres. A satire about a green MP crusader getting on her bike, an OCD homemaker facing her enemy, parents trying to make sense of the murder of their beloved daughter and an elderly woman whose only companion is her pet

25\_ Penguins, Critters, and Humanity



South Island

### 26 Toxic Mas **Spade Face Productions**

A one man show that talks about toxic masculinity, his father's death and the one moment that changed his life. With Cameron McLeods background in stand up comedy, this show is filled with laughs, but also moments of intense thought.



the actors for the first time, onstage, and see what happens when the pages run out!

3\_ My Dad's Deaths

A Mulled Whine

2\_ Off Book



relationship between a comedian and his extremely conservative father; an accident-prone man who has died... more than once. "Armed only with selfdeprecating wit and memories, Bennett reminds us that ordinary people lead extraordinary lives.", The Sunday Mail (AUS). R13+



and DATE

Auckland

### 4\_ Having a party with Gold Medal Famous **Gold Medal Famous**

Gold Medal Famous celebrates 10 years of music in 2018 and are looking forward to a party. Join them for an evening of music and stories from the road. They've played under bridges, in tunnels and farm paddocks. Experience their unique "roaming percussion" and take part in a theremin playing competition.



Nelson Fringe unpreparedly play all the other roles around him in this shortened and manic retelling of John Hughes' Home Alone.

Two men. Trapped in a room. A light flashes. A button





# 19\_ Rhian-vested

to make.

Rhian-vested is Wood-Hill's brand new show about his time as a professional poker player, showing the highs and lows of living off casino cash on the Brisbane coast. Pop a few chips on the table: Rhian is all in and has some tall tales to tell... but he isn't bluffing.

Pies are defined by their crusts. Ballets are

choreographed and performed by trained balle

20\_ Double Georgie Pie: A Ballet

dancers. Source: Wikipedia



Sunday Morning Gothic: two sensual goths, Audrey Porne & Reuben Todd. Apocalyptic Us: a show on death, sex and being beautiful. Sketch, stand-up and low drama. Apocalyptic and silly.

Sunday Morning Gothic

27\_ Apocalyptic Us

28\_ The War Prayer Concert A performance of Mark Twains essay/poem, The

R18+



War Prayer, supported by classic and original songs around the peace theme.

5\_ The Bubble Show The Highland Joker

Join The Highland Joker with his beautiful soap bubbles in all shapes and sizes! Enjoy bouncy bubbles, bubbles inside bubbles, smoke bubbles, square bubbles, giant bubbles and even fire bubbles! The Bubble show is interactive and suitable for all ages. The show is a unique blend of magic, storytelling and

6\_Sir Cedric and Friends! The Beginning

Who hasn't wanted to try Stand-Up Comedy?!

a Stand-Up Comic but it's happened. What could

possibly go wrong? Whatever could go wrong

probably will, but it's ok because he's brought

some friends along to help out...friends? No

Sir Cedric doesn't know if he ever wanted to

**Sir Cedric Productions** 



R18+

In this day and age of sexual liberation, more groups are opening up opportunities for people to experience new things, and it doesn't just apply to the young and beautiful... Patricia (Pat) Goldsack an adorable woman of 87, is bringing her touring brothel/swingers club to a local town near you.

A deliciously silly spy spoof! The cold war hangs

visitor, a bonbon binge, and a fatal murder, Jean

and her cat, Marmalade, must flee for their lives

with their precious cargo. The future of the world

Deep South Caesar is the story of Greg, just your

average kiwi bloke whose life bears an uncanny

13\_ Pat Goldsack's Swingers Club and Brothel



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# 21\_Strangers

by Logan Kitney

What more could you want!?

**Northpark Productions Inc** 

23\_ Home Invasion

meet. It may be a fleeting moment of connection, the start of a whirlwind romance, or the beginning of a deadly rivalry. Watch as our actors create beautiful moments of humour, heartbreak, and humanity in an unscripted exploration into the genesis of relationship.

22\_ Logan Kitney What's My Definition

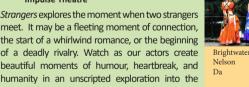
Having performed for 7 and a half years as a

omedian and magician Logan Kitney has had one

hell of a roller coaster! From addiction, to time in

hospital, to a crazy upbringing. This show tells his

story. It's funny, surprising, impacting, and, it's real.





### 29\_ Bay City Shimmy- A Belly Dance Show **Zenda Belly Dance** Bay City Shimmy is a vibrant celebration of belly

dance, pulling together multiple styles of belly dance into a show that will have you wanting to join the dancers. This show has everything from dramatic sword dances to breathtaking veil work, oriental sparkle and tribal groove.



30 Drop the mask

As the night draws to a close in Pauline's Bar, people confess their deepest secrets. It's a good place to find a sympathetic ear, someone who won't judge but rather console, and even offer some unexpected advice. The show is entirely unscripted. and features actors both with and without masks.

Paris, France

31 Fire in the Meth Lab

nternationally renowned comedian and storyteller

Jon Bennett is comedy on fire and storytelling on speed. He is bringing Fire in the Meth Lab is back to Nelson for another hit of comedy. It's a story of drug dealers, bikers, high-speed car chases, fights, crime, prison, vomit, exploding houses, and even cancer.





Terry Williams blends inoffensive humour with some

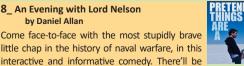
one-man voyage to Victory!

7\_ Livin' La Vida Joker

Seriouscomedy Limited

they're not.

earning whilst laughing. He's been performing standup since 2001 and has just returned from performing around the world. As seen on TV3's 'The Project', TV2's 'Pulp Comedy'. "A unique brand of comedy that inspires and entertains, with wisdom among some well-woven

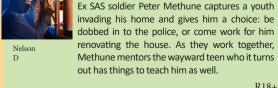


Wellington

### resemblance to a Greek tragedy. Greg tells his story of life growing up on the farm but we're left questioning whether Greg is the great guy he's adamantly telling

16\_ Pretending Things Are A Cock

Internationally award-winning storyteller and comedian, Jon Bennett, is back in Nelson with his most popular show! Pretending Things are a Cock is the product of Bennett's three years of global wandering and combines an artistic, phallic-filled photographic display with hilarious and surprisingly heart-wrenching



### 24\_ Nathan Hedley is suicide an option by Nathan Hedley

This show is show about Nathan Hedley's depression and suicide attempts as well as what he does to keep his thoughts off these things. This show brings in epic storytelling as well as improv and a few other bits and bobs.



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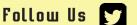
## 32\_ Stepping Up by Ben Caldwell

In the space of three years, comedian Ben 'Tito' Caldwell has gone from a university slacker to a married father of five children. His whirlwind and unique journey into parenthood has left him with plenty of hilarious stories and observations, as well as some questionable advice to pass on.



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one arm, one eye, and one... jolly good time, with

solo actor Dan Allan. So get on board the perilous



### 33\_ HANDS! Scruffy Cheesecake

A comedy, a low-fi gig, a one woman show. The kind of show you dance to in your mind.



### 36\_ KAURI JACK ~ All Shook Up **Heritage Alive**

John 'the Walrus' Crick delivers his tales in a character driven, sparse, song-poetry style, (as used in two earlier heritage shows at Nelson Fringe). Here, in Ngatimoti, Tasman Jack's haunting, real NZ folk will stand and deliver, celebrate our land in new-shaped story and song.



R10+

The hermit genius of NZ standup Justin 'Rusty' White returns to Nelson Fringe with a new show full of smart stupidity and idiotic wisdom. "A hidden gem of NZ comedy", nzcomedyreviews. "A pro who has developed his own unique style and taken the

39\_ The Thinking Person's Idiot

time to master it", TheatreView.

2 Dope Teenz - Aaron Pyke and Alayne Dick When we were 16 we were awkward, depressed and sexually confused. Now we're 20-something and nothing has changed. 2 Dope Teenz is a character-based comedy duo that riff off 90's nostalgia, millennial angst, school health class and



Nelson Co, D, So

### # Man Who Was Thursday Three bridges

Based on GK Chesterton's story The Man Who Was Thursday, A Nightmare. Gabriel Syme has been recruited into the secret police. Syme manages to be elected onto the seven member board taking the code name "Thursday." His mission, to infiltrate a secret Anarchist Council dedicated to overthrowing the state.



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35\_ Things That Funny

Putin is turning 8 and all his friends are invited to his birthday party. Yes, even you! You didn't think he'd forget? There you will meet his eccentric family, be thoroughly entertained and find an answer to the one important question, will Putin get a dog for his birthday?



# 37\_ Inside Cat House Films Ltd.

Inside explores brief stories that are moments in the characters' lives. They give us an insight into that particular person's experience and facilitate empathy and understanding. It's an exploration of the theme that we never know what experience another person is having and thus should exercise as much kindness as possible.



### 38\_ Last couple left on earth Cre8 theatre company

An improv comedy show. What happens between two people when their only option is to stay together or be alone forever? All they have is each other. Remember, the grass isn't always greener on the other side. Come along with your ideas and see the show unfolds. R12+



40\_ BALLISTA 3 Ring Riot Ltd

BALLISTA, an astonishing classic circus show with a titillating contemporary twist, featuring 1920's vaudeville trickery to spectacular space age special effects. An original tale woven into jaw dropping circus skills, hilarious comedy skits and clever audience interplay. Dive into the arena with circus aficionados Pablo P and Popsi Q!



### 42\_ Alexander Sparrow is ENIGMA **Alexander Sparrow Productions**

Saturday morning cartoons.

41\_2 Dope 2 Teen

From the guy behind 'DJ Trump,' comes a comedy starring the world's greatest pickup artist! Far from just for the guys, he's here to help FEG's (Future Ex-Girlfriends) win too. Enigma wants everyone to be a hero - especially you. Fantastically entertaining", Theatreview. "This show is a must see", Art



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R18+

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**NELSON FRINGE FESTIVAL WORKSHOP VENUE: GHOST LIGHT THEATRE - VENUE 2 (V2),** 146 Bridge Street, Nelson



SATURDAY 28/04

1:00 Noticing Things\_2 (V2)

### SATURDAY 5/05

**SUNDAY 29/04** 

9am Playfulness 3 (V2) - cancelled

**Easy Dancehall for Adult** 1:00 beginners\_4 (V2)

1:00

**MONDAY 30/04** 

(V2) Storytelling workshop with Jon Bennett\_6 (V2)

Monster of the Week\_5

TUESDAY 1/05 9am Level Up\_7 (V2)

1:00 Circus S'cool - Learn Hula Hoops & Juggling!\_8 (V2) WEDNESDAY 2/05

The Art of The Emcee\_9 (V2)

1:00 The Business of Fringe: Artists' Forum\_10 (V2)

THURSDAY 3/05 9am Creating Connection\_11

1:00 Stand up comedy workshop\_12 (V2)

(V2)

**FRIDAY 4/05** 

9am Oriental Fusion Belly Dance Drills and Combos\_13 (V2)

1:00 Create Your Own Code of Conduct\_14 (V2)

9am Bring your body and your dreams!\_15 (V2)

11:30 Bubble Soap workshops\_1 (V1 - Refinery ArtSpace)

1:00 Theatre of Liberation\_16



NEW VENUE

and DATE

Auckland

Duration

# APRIL 27 - MAY 6 2018 \*

Eran Backler from The Highland Joker A 20 minute Bubble Soap workshop for children fol-

**Bubble Soap Workshops** 

lowing the Bubble Show. The workshop will give children hands-on experience. They'll learn how to make bubble sculptures, practice some hand-bubbling technique, make a bubble tool which they then can take home and also stand inside a giant bubble! Bookings essential. R7+



Australia

### 5 Monster of the Week Katherine Weaver

42 SHOWS \*

In this workshop, students will play with the supernatural, and explore playing characters like vampires, demons and fairies. They will learn how to make these characters believable and strive for authentic scenes instead of "gagging".



### 9\_ The Art of The Emcee Steve Wilbury from Pottering About Ltd.

This workshop will give you the confidence and skill set to start hosting a show wherever you are. You'll learn road tested audience warm-ups and games, and hopefully some insight into how to be the soul of a

16 WORKSHOPS \* 2 VENUES \* WWW.NELSONFRINGE.CO.NZ



Join experienced teacher and performer Debbie Sumner

and Combos

14\_ Create Your Own Code of Conduct:

A Practical Workshop

13 Oriental Fusion Belly Dance Drills

for a workshop exploring Oriental Fusion Belly Dance. The class will begin with the basics of belly dance. You'll look at oriental dance techniques, posture, clean isolations and practise funky combos with fusion elements. The session includes a yoga based cool down

**Debbie Sumner from Zenda Belly Dance** 



Christchurch

Duration:

**Brendon Bennetts** Observation is one of the fundamental skills of every

2\_ Noticing Things

improvisor and actor: if we don't notice what is happening around us, then we can't respond to it. In this workshop Brendon will help you realise that inspiration is already all around you, you just have to notice it. R18+



Duration

### 6\_ Storytelling Workshop Jon Bennett

Experience a short storytelling performance with a Q&A and special guests followed by a workshop by professional touring comedian and storyteller Jon Bennett (Fire in the Meth Lab, Pretending Things are a Cock, How I Learned to Hug, The Moth Mainstage).



with experienced theatre divisors, producers and performers Veteran Fringe artists discuss and answer questions

regarding their Fringe experiences across NZ and the world and offer up advice on how to survive and thrive in a Fringey world.



Duration:

Jennifer O'Sullivan As creative leaders, it is our responsibility to nurture

and protect the spaces we lead, whether they're organisations, events, or communities. This workshop uses discussion, group work, and individual feedback to help you develop a Code of Conduct, preparing you to take it back to your community for discussion and implementation.



Auckland Duration:



Playfulness: spontaneous storytelling,

Whether you are experienced or brand new, join us and be prepared to surprise ourself! The workshop will combine simple and us movement exercises, creative writing and containeous storytelling in the oral tradition. Be prepared for the silly to the profound! Join us for this highly normal workshop! highly popular workshop!



Australia Duration:

**Katherine Weaver** this workshop, improvisors will be challenged to

7\_ Level up

let go of their own habits and leap into the unknown. Katherine will look at your play and give you tailored feedback on how to expand and grow your improvisation. You will then have a chance to put this



# 11\_ Creating Connection Georgie Sivier from The PlaySpace Theatre Co.

This workshop will focus on the space between actors. Using trust exercises, physical theatre methods, script exercises and communicative techniques, workshop attendees will come away with a skill set aimed at utilising the magic between actors.



Paris, France Duration:

15\_ Bring your body and your dreams! Pauline Calmé The goal is to identify what each actor uses to block

themselves and break these boundaries to reveal true potential. In this workshop you will use physical and creative exercises from I.S.A.A.C techniques to make your body and mind ready to work.

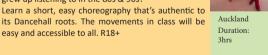


Duration

### 4\_ Easy Dancehall for Adult beginners Hilary Williams from MoveGoodNow

easy and accessible to all. R18+

Do you still enjoy the Hip-hop and dance music you grew up listening to in the 80s & 90s? Learn a short, easy choreography that's authentic to



### 8\_ Circus S'cool - Learn Hula Hoops & Juggling! Deryn French and Paul Klaassen from 3 Ring Riot Run away to the circus and come and learn how to

juggle or hula hoop! With expert instructions from real life circus performers, you'll learn some awesome skills and have a lot of fun at the same time. Pablo &Popsi look forward to sharing their love of circus with you! R10+



Duration:

### 12\_ Stand up comedy workshop **Ben Caldwell**

developing material, either from scratch or refining a piece of already established material and making it punchier. There will also be a short, sharp writing session where you can develop something to present Each person will get 'stage time' to present their ideas.



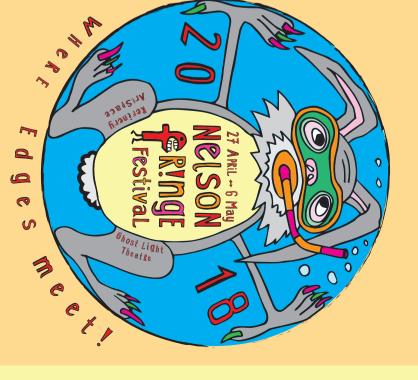
### 16\_ Theatre of Liberation Andy Dolling and Jen Hyde from the Movement Collective This workshop will focus on using physical theatre and

drama games to explore the role of power in society & co-creating possible solutions to these challenges. This play/workshop is based on the work of Augusto BOAL and Giovanni FUSETTI . R16+











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