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EDINBURGH FESTIVAL FRINGE 2019

EDINBURGH COMEDY GALA 2019 IN AID OF WAVERLEY CARE

EICC Pentland Theatre, Edinburgh, Tuesday 20th August, 7.30pm

HOSTED BY JOSH WIDDICOMBE & JOEL DOMMETT

Special guests confirmed include Jon Richardson, Suzi Ruffell, Marlon Davis, Jamali Maddix, Susie McCabe, Rosie Jones, Christopher Macarthur-Boyd, Nigel Ng with more to be announced.

2019 marks the 13th year of partnership between **Off The Kerb Productions** and **Waverley Care**, Scotland's biggest charity providing care and support to those living with HIV and Hepatitis C, and they are delighted to announce that the annual **Edinburgh Comedy Gala** returns in 2019!

Two of comedy's hottest properties, **Josh Widdicombe** and **Joel Dommett** take up hosting duties this year and will be joined by a supreme line up of comedy talent – once again making this one of the biggest and best nights of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. Don't miss it on Tuesday 20th August 2019 at the EICC.

Tickets for the **Edinburgh Comedy Gala 2019** are on sale now and available from www.edfringe.com and www.pleasance.co.uk.

Hosting this year are the incredible comedy talents of Josh Widdicombe and Joel Dommett. **Josh Widdicombe** is one of the most in demand live comedians of recent years, with four critically acclaimed solo UK tours and numerous international comedy festival appearances under his belt. Josh is best known as co-host of the triple BAFTA nominated and multiple Broadcast and RTS award winning show *The Last Leg* on Channel 4 alongside Adam Hills and Alex Brooker. Earlier this year, he appeared alongside James Acaster in their new DAVE series *Hypothetical*. Josh has made a number of other noteworthy TV appearances including three series of his critically-acclaimed BBC sitcom *JOSH* which he created and starred in, team captain on BBC Two's *Insert Name Here* as well as regular appearances on BBC's Two's *QI*, BBC One's *Have I Got New For You*, Sky One's *A League of Their Own* and on Dave's *Taskmaster*. Josh also hosts his own hugely successful 90's football podcast *Quickly Kevin, Will He Score?*.

Joel Dommett has had an incredible few years following his stint in 2016's '*I'm A Celebrity...Get Me Out Of Here*', winning over audiences with his unique sense of humour and loveable personality. You can now see him as host of ITV2's spin off show '*I'm A Celebrity...Get Me Out Of Here! Now!*', as well as in two series of his own Comedy Central show with fellow comedian Nish Kumar – '*Joel & Nish Vs The World*'. Joel currently appears in Comedy Central's newest comedy show *The Comedy Bus*, which began in April 2019. Other notable TV appearances include Netflix series *Comedians of the World*, Channel 4's *8 Out Of 10 Cats*, ITV2's *The Stand Up Sketch Show* and Comedy Central's *Roast Battle*. Joel last toured the UK in 2017, selling out shows including two nights at the Hammersmith Apollo. He has also a successful author, releasing his first book *It's Not Me, It's Them* in 2017 which went on to become a Sunday Times Best Seller.

All proceeds raised from the Edinburgh Comedy Gala go straight to supporting the life changing work of the charity. Since its launch in 2003, the now annual event has raised almost £500,000 for the charity, helping to make a substantial positive difference to the lives of people affected by HIV and Hepatitis C in Scotland.

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VENUE DETAILS

Venue: Pleasance at the EICC – The Pentland Theatre

Address: 150 Morrison Street, Edinburgh, EH3 8EE

Date: Tuesday 20th August

Time: 7.30pm

Box Office:

Ticket Prices: £25 (may be subject to booking fees)

Box Office: 0131 556 6550 / www.pleasance.co.uk / www.edfringe.com

Running time: 2 hours 30 mins (approx.)



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