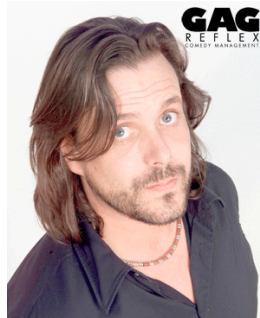


Lee Martin at Gag Reflex Presents:
John Scott in "Totally Made Up"



It's been a momentous year for John. After becoming an award-winning comedian, tackling a serious junk food addiction, losing a stone and a half in three weeks and purchasing The Cure's entire back catalogue on vinyl, he's well on his way to having his self-proclaimed 'mid-life crisis'.

The cheeky, ever-popular and edgy Scottish comic returns to the Fringe for this sixth solo Edinburgh show, **"Totally Made Up"**, and he's got plenty to say.

Described as "a grungy mix of Billy Connolly and Arragorn" John attacks subjects ranging from the vanity of celebrities through to people's obsession with Sci Fi films – which are of course, **only partly made up**.

Commanding, versatile, grungy and charmingly observational: John's controversial style of comedy first shot him to fame when he was runner up in the Spike Milligan Award in 2003. He vowed never to get involved in comedy competitions again. Then in 2010 came Take the Mic, the biggest cash prize at the Edinburgh festival. It was too much temptation.

But guess what? He won it.

After winning the award many people were known to remark, "You must be totally made up." Not only is this a good name for a show. It has a poignant, double meaning. Not that everything in the show is untrue. Much of it is painfully accurate. Isn't that what makes it funny?

"Among the top five new comedians emerging from Scotland today" The Observer

"Always plays a blinder. People were in tears of laughter" Edinburgh Evening News

"A diamond in the rough" The List

"Expect to see his name somewhere big very soon." The List

"Never hits a dry patch, people were literally in tears of laughter." Edinburgh Evening News

"An excellent comic. Without doubt on the road to a great career." The Sun

Biography

John started his comedy career in Scotland in May 2000 and just two months later was participating in his first Edinburgh festival in "Stand up Scotland"- A showcase for the best new talent emerging on the Scottish circuit.

Since that time he has gone onto participate in five Edinburgh shows in the various guises of double act, comic actor and solo performer, and in 2003 managed to squeeze in a wee bit time to win the Scottish section of the Spike Milligan award.

The shows have included the critically acclaimed "Fish Supper" sketch show which ran for three successive years and won rave reviews. Other shows have included "Mongrel Nation". A show he wrote with Scots Asian comedian Saj Chaudry. Taking an ironic look at race, stereotypes and modern Scots/British/Asian identity. This show was also well received managing to make The List magazines Top 10 Pick of the Fringe.

Other work includes being a regular contributor to The Stand comedy clubs current affairs show "A kick up the tabloids" and of course his first love working as a stand up on the British circuit.

More recently John has completed work with Jongleurs and done T.V. warm up for channel 5. He now currently resides in Newcastle.

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Preview Dates

26 May	Wolverhampton.
29 May	Hartlepool.
2 June	Stockport
4 June	Manchester area.
12 June	Wigan Frog and Bucket.
7 July	Sheffield
13 July	Manchester Frog and Bucket.
16 July	Newcastle Live theatre

Listings details

Artist	John Scott
Show	Totally Made Up
Venue	The Meeting Room, Beehive
Dates	4 – 28 August (no show Sunday 7 th , Monday 15 th , Monday 22 nd)
Time	17:00 (1 hour)
Tickets	Free