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# Mark Nelson: Brexit Wounds



**Gilded Balloon - Teviot: 31<sup>st</sup> July - 25<sup>th</sup> August: 8pm**

Award-winning Scottish comedian **Mark Nelson** returns to the Edinburgh Festival Fringe with **Brexit Wounds**, his eighth solo fringe show, at the **Gilded Balloon** from the **31<sup>st</sup> July - 25<sup>th</sup> August**.

Having barely survived his car exploding on a motorway, Nelson isn't exactly about to pussyfoot around the political car crashes currently happening. Following on from his (what was supposed to be) Brexit eve slot on **BBC Radio 5 Live**, Mark is taking a delightfully dark dive into Britain's current political climate.

With a likeably disarming manner on stage belying some of the stronger content, Nelson often has audiences laughing at things they know they really shouldn't be laughing at. An MA degree in Politics from Glasgow University supports his superb comedy take on politics and topical writing and his material is intelligent, well-conceived and beautifully crafted. He is therefore in great demand as a headline artist for the UK's biggest comedy clubs, as well as for his solo shows, as a writer and presenter for live gigs, radio shows and touring far and wide with artists such as Jason Manford, Russell Kane and Jim Jefferies.

His radio pundit work has seen him perform across the national networks including regular appearances on **BBC 5 Live's Question Time Extra Time** and he's a favourite on BBC Radio Scotland with shows such as **Mark Nelson's Guide to Marriage**; hosting **The Good, The Bad and The Unexpected**; **Breaking The News** and **Fred At The Stand**. TV-wise Mark has been seen on BBC Three's **Comedy Marathon**, **The One Show** (BBC 1) and BBC Scotland's **Comedy Underground** and **Breaking The News** in its inaugural series after transferring to onscreen.

It wouldn't be a Mark Nelson press release if it didn't mention his extraordinary "News at Three" creation - Mark's series of viral Facebook clips with his three year old daughter for **BBC Scotland's Short Stuff** platform, where they hilariously discussed issues such as the economy, global warming, Donald Trump and of course Easter. Still regarded as an internet sensation, and with over 140 million views to date (the Easter clip alone has nearly 100 million views) it is regarded as the BBC's biggest online-only original comedy smash-hit: <https://www.facebook.com/NewsAtThree/>

## What the press have to say about Mark Nelson:

*'Often provocative and always surprising... No frills: just a man and a mic, pithy-but-charming delivery, great jokes, and lots of them.'* **Daily Telegraph**

*"Profoundly hilarious... This is irreverence done right."* **The List**

*'Blistering material which pushes dangerously near the boundaries of good taste'* **Sunday Times**

*'An essential Scottish voice... Nelson can be ferocious with a punchline... Masterful'* **The Skinny**



**Listing Information:**

**Dates:** 31<sup>st</sup> July-25<sup>th</sup> August 2019 (previews 31<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> )  
**Show:** Mark Nelson: Brexit Wounds  
**Venue:** Gilded Balloon: Teviot  
**Address:** Teviot Row House, Bristo Square, Edinburgh, EH8 9AJ  
**Time:** 8pm (60 mins)  
**Price:** Preview: £6, Weekday from £8 - £12.50, Weekend: £12.50 (£10.50 conc)  
**Box office:** [www.edfringe.com](http://www.edfringe.com) / 0131 226 0000

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