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Show Up, Kids!

by Peter Michael Marino. Directed by Michole Biancosino and the kids.

Presented by Civil Disobedience, Project Y, and PM2 Entertainment

2-26 Aug 2018 (not 15, 22) at 12:00

The Counting House Lounge (Venue 170) 38 West Nicolson Street, EH8 9DD

The Life Experiences of Kids Become the Show in Solo Comedy at the Edinburgh Fringe

American performer Peter Michael Marino creates a new show every day at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe with his semi-improvised, semi-sung, entirely-unpredictable family comedy, 'Show Up, Kids!'

When the main attraction doesn't show up, Pete is tasked to create a kids' show on the spot using the set, props, costumes, and music from the missing performer. Problem is, Pete has never done a kids' show. So, he enlists the help of the kids and adults in the audience to create a show based on their dreams, fears, growing up, and showing up. This interactive, improvised spin on the traditional family show utilises an arsenal of Post-It Notes to record their suggestions and within moments, Pete co-creates a custom-made show for the kids - who also lend a hand in the set, prop, and sound design.

"The message of the grown-up version, '[Show Up](#),' is to do things that scare you," says Pete. "This kids' show feels like a natural progression. Fear was something I struggled with growing up in noisy Queens, NY. So, I wanted to create something fun that got kids involved in the creation of a show while helping them realise that nothing is as scary as it seems."

Marino has been part of the development of dozens of family shows in NYC, as well as creating solo shows for over 20 years - including the current run of 'Show Up,' which has played everywhere from the UK to Toronto to Orlando. He is also the creator of 'Desperately Seeking the Exit' which comically recounts the making and unmaking of his West End Blondie/Madonna flop, 'Desperately Seeking Susan.'

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For further information, or to arrange an interview or reserved seating request, please contact Peter Michael Marino at petermichaelmarino@me.com.

High-res images (photo credit: Alicia Levy) available at: <http://tinyurl.com/showuppics>

NOTES TO THE EDITOR:

Listings Information

What: Show Up, Kids!

Who: Performed by Peter Michael Marino. Directed by Michole Biancosino and the kids.

Ages: 4-10 recommended.

Venue: The Counting House Lounge (Venue 170) 38 West Nicolson Street, EH8 9DD

Tickets: Free, non-ticketed.

Dates: 2-26 Aug 2018 (not 15, 22)

Time: 12:00 (55mins)

BIOS: Peter Michael Marino (creator/performer) is a NYC-based teacher, performer, writer and producer. He has developed numerous family shows with Theatreworks USA, Parallel Exit, and Jumping Pages. Pete is the creator of SOLOCOM, which has launched over 500 world-premiere comedies at The Peoples Improv Theater. More info at: www.petermmarino.com

Michole Biancosino (director) is the Co-Founding Artistic Director of the award-winning Project Y Theatre Company, where she has developed and directed new work in Washington, D.C. and New York City over the past 17 years. She is also the Founder and producer of NY's Women in Theatre Festival at the brand new ART/NY Theatres. Directing work includes: Trump Lear (Horsetrade, NYC), David Carl's Celebrity One-Man Hamlet (The PIT, Underbelly), Connected (NYIT Award winner), LoveSick or THINGS THAT DON'T HAPPEN (NYIT Award winner), The Revival (NYIT Award winner), A User's Guide to Hell featuring Bernard Madoff, Derby Day, Goodness, and Gidion's Knot in NYC; and many others in NYC, Edinburgh, New Orleans, and Washington, DC.

Civil Disobedience (producer) is run by live arts producers Barry and Josef Church-Woods, based in Edinburgh. With a passion for managing great shows and helping talented performers reach new audiences, Barry and Joe especially enjoy work that flirts with equality/social justice issues, and anything LGBTQI-related. In addition to co-producing Show Up and Show Up, Kids! at the 2018 Edinburgh Festival Fringe, Civil Disobedience is supporting a host of other incredible shows, artists, and events this year including The Bugle Boys: A Salute to The Andrews Sisters; Jet of Blood by Mari Moriarty (who played the title character in last year's Sasquatch, The Opera); debating series Persistent & Nasty; Dandy Darkly's All Aboard; and Hans: Like A German!

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FUN FACT #1: The adult version, '[Show Up](#),' plays at noon every day in the same space.

FUN FACT #2: Post-it Note products used in the show are generously provided by corporate sponsor 3M.

FUN FACT #3: 'Show Up, Kids!' will also be doing four special preview shows with Laughing Horse at The Free Sisters from 29 July-1 August at 15:45. Admission is free.