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Show Up

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

Presented by Civil Disobedience and PM2 Entertainment

2-26 Aug 2018 (not 15, 22) at 16:45

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

The Lives of the Audience Become the Show in Improvised Solo Comedy Returning to Edinburgh Fringe

American performer Peter Michael Marino returns to Edinburgh Festival Fringe with his semi-improvised, semi-scripted, entirely-unpredictable solo comedy, 'Show Up.'

Following critically acclaimed, sold-out runs in NYC, Toronto, Boston, and the 2017 Edinburgh Fringe, this one-man, interactive spin on the traditional solo show is all about the challenges and triumphs of the audience – who provide their own astonishing life-changing events from family fallouts to love life catastrophes to job disasters. Within moments, Marino creates a solo comedy show tailor-made for that audience, who also lend a hand in the set and sound design. And, there's a party!

Peter Michael Marino has been creating solo shows for over 20 years, including a two-year, international run of 'Desperately Seeking the Exit' – his comedy about the making and unmaking of his West End Blondie/Madonna flop, 'Desperately Seeking Susan.' When he ran out of real-life experiences to write about, while simultaneously battling his own mental health issues, Marino needed to create something.

"I knew I had to devise a new show to keep me sane. If I'm not doing something all the time, I'm totally lost," says Marino. "So, why not make the show about the audience for a change?" The result is 'Show Up.'

Every show is different; drawing on the timeless tropes of the solo genre, while also comically delving into Pete's own social anxiety and depression struggles. It's a comedy.

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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

Who: Performed by Peter Michael Marino.

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Tickets: Free, non-ticketed.

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

Time: 16:45 (60min)

BIOS: Peter Michael Marino (creator/performer) is a NYC native and the creator of SOLOCOM, which has launched over 500 world-premiere comedies at The Peoples Improv Theater. His production company PM2 Entertainment has produced David Carl's Celebrity One-Man Hamlet, David Mills: Shame!, and Joe's NYC Bar. 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!

Website & EPK: www.showuptheshow.com

Trailer: <https://youtu.be/x5P2TfDPmIU>

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FUN FACT #1: The family-friendly version, '[Show Up, Kids!](#)' 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.