

“Johnny Depp: A Retrospective on Late-Stage Capitalism” travels from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Edinburgh Festival Fringe

From the minds of Val Dunn and Jenna Kuerzi and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA, comes a satirical look at Johnny Depp’s film career from pre-teen heart throb to Wino Forever, and everything in between, to ask.... What happened?

What is Late-Stage Capitalism?

Late-Stage Capitalism is defined thus, from google: "Late-Stage Capitalism describes the hypocrisy and absurdities of capitalism as it digs its own grave."

Who is Johnny Depp?

Johnny Depp is an actor who achieved prominence through a bevy of lovable loner roles in the 80's, 90's and early 2000's. He is also very good looking, which didn't hurt his star power. Recently, he has seen a quick decline in his celebrity power due to law suits, alcoholism, and a seemingly quick temper. *Johnny Depp: A Retrospective on Late-Stage Capitalism* takes a satirical look at Depp’s rise and fall, while exploring his mismanagement of money and universal appeal.

Why Johnny Depp?

Val Dunn and Jenna Kuerzi are both fans of each other's work and of each other as people. As they were brainstorming things they loved, they discovered both had dressed up as Captain Jack Sparrow for Halloween in middle school and high school.

What is this show?

Each audience member is handed a goodie bag at start and is encouraged to toss golden doubloons, Scissorhands memorabilia, and embarrassing fan letters onto the shrine turned dumpster fire Depp has created for himself. Part ritual, part drunken singalong, and entirely a party, *Johnny Depp: A*

Retrospective features rum, promiscuity, and \$30,000 worth of candles by which we can pay to watch the Rich consume us all.

Performance Venue, Dates, and Times:

The show is being presented by Laughing Horse in their 2019 Edinburgh Fringe Festival from August 1st-August 10th.

Performance time: 15:00.

Location: The Place: 34-38 York Place, Edinburgh, EH1 3HU / 0131 556 7575

About the performers:

Jenna Kuerzi as Johnny Depp as Jack Sparrow as Johnny Depp as Late Stage Capitalism as Jack Sparrow.

Val Dunn, for one brief shining moment, as Winona Ryder.

Val Dunn: www.valdunn.com

Val Dunn is a Philadelphia-based writer, deviser, and director who creates plays, performance art, and rituals. Her work possesses a strong sense of place and tackles issues of feminism and queerness while pushing against the limitations of form

Jenna Kuerzi: www.jennakuerzi.com

Jenna is an actor, director, singer, and deviser currently working in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She has worked extensively throughout the USA. Armed with a voice that's dark like tinted glass, a mane of flaming red hair, and an "expressive face", Jenna brings a unique blend of dark humor, campy silliness, versatility, and grounded honesty to the stage and screen.

As part of the Laughing Horse: Free Festival in the Edinburgh Fringe, Tickets are FREE.

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