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GIRL BULLY

By Mary Clohan and Mary McDonnell

Directed by Monica Jones Diaz
(Rock Rising Productions)

The Place

34-38 York Place, Edinburgh EH1 3HU

1-10 August

20:00 (1hr00)

FREE

Girl Bully celebrates bitches everywhere and explodes the patriarchy this Edinburgh Fringe

New York City-based Rock Rising Inc. presents *Girl Bully*, a new play by comedic duo Mary Clohan and Mary McDonnell that explores and explodes our use of the word “bitch.”

With appearances from their childhood selves, Ann Coulter, and various other bitches past, present and future, these two longtime friends attempt to get to the bottom of the enigmatic word and how it has come to shape the female experience.

Girl Bully began as a series of comedic sketches composed by Mary and Mary, which quickly coalesced into a play that confronts the mixed messaging imposed on young girls and women as they are asked to be both “polite little ladies” and “fierce confident leaders.”

Mary Clohan says: “In creating the work, Mary and I drew heavily on current events and personal experience as women confronting misogyny and sexism in the comedy industry on a daily basis. With the growing strength of the #MeToo movement, the play is a battle cry for women everywhere to embrace their inner bitchiness, as well as a humorous personal reflection on the struggle of the female body in this patriarchal society.”

At turns hilarious and heartbreaking, *Girl Bully* uses comedy as a conduit to open up important conversations regarding sexism and the female experience, asking audiences to play an active role in dissecting these messy subjects through direct interactions and improvisations with the performers.

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Rock Rising Productions



The name Rock Rising comes from the rough translation of the Muskogean word Chattanooga meaning “rock rising to a point”. The original Rock Rising team is comprised of several Chattanooga to NYC transplants who are committed to creating environments that elevate artists. Our name represents our firm belief that excellent art thrives within a supportive community. Our goal is to create fantastic content across multiple platforms, which respects both the integrity of the artist and the audience. Our goal is encouragement, humility, and community. We seek to learn, listen, and collaborate. Above all, Rock Rising will strive to work with one another in mutual respect and patience.

More details at rockrising.org.

Mary McDonnell (Performer/Writer) is an NYC-based writer/performer. Her work has been seen at Manhattan Rep and MITF. She is a contributing writer for The Truth Podcast, and can be seen around the city performing with her improv team Very Good Boys, and at the People's Improv Theatre in Improvised Gilmore Girls. @MaryinHaste.

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Mary Clohan (Performer/Writer) is an NYC-based writer and performer. She is a graduate of the Rutgers MFA Playwriting program and her plays have been seen at Fresh Ground Pepper, Ensemble Studio Theater, and Dixon Place. She is a regular performer with The Armory Improv and has performed stand-up and improv at The Upright Citizen's Brigade, The People's Improv Theater, Broadway Comedy Club, as well as many other scary basement spaces around New York City. She also co-hosts the Spoiler! podcast, available on all major podcast platforms. @amishmafia24

Monica Jones Diaz (Director) is a storyteller, teaching artist, writer and sometimes a director. You can stalk her at www.monicaljones.com.

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Girl Bully is a Free Fringe show.

