

BLACK COMEDY 'HAPPENINGS' TO PLAY BRIGHTON FRINGE



**If your life is made up of things that happen to you, then what is your value if nothing ever happens?
How much would you dare risk to push your life agenda, and how easily can it all fall apart?**

Newly Established Theatre Company, Not Your Muse, today announce that the dark comedy 'Happenings' by John Berry will play at the Brighton Fringe - 10th, 11th, 12th, 17th, 18th, 19th of May 2022.

Happenings is a pitch black comedy that explores the unfulfilled aspirations and monotonous existences of three 30-somethings, who have the whole world at their feet, but cannot find the way to move forward.

In these tough times it seems everything is a struggle. Jane wishes that something, anything, would happen to fill the void in her life. Clearly everyone else is happy. One look at social media will tell you that. Joe doesn't understand how he can view the world so differently. He says he's just happy to get along and be left alone. Maybe, neurodiverse character, Fran, really does have all the answers. Or are the same fears that keep her friends together slowly tearing her apart?

Having originally previewed in 2020 this brand-new revision of Happenings will be directed by Matt Turpin, with cast including Zo Biba-Leonard, Grace Collett, Tom Hobart and Neil Russell

Living in the shadow of Beachy Head Writer John Berry suffered terrible tragedy when three close friends took their own lives. Inspired by the sitcoms of Gervais/Merchant and the cynical worldview of Charlie Brooker, Berry said:

"As a writer I felt compelled to tackle the very personal issue of suicide. My community had always used humor to cope with the recurrent tragedies we sadly see quite regularly. It was important to me that anything I wrote didn't preach and drew on these personal experiences, also reflecting the world we live in today and the experiences of countless 30 somethings. Happenings was the result"

Happenings is produced by the newly formed Not your Muse Theatre company, a female-led production company comprising of Zo Biba-Leonard (Morgan) and Rachel Kimber; They champion new writing and are passionate in giving people credit for artistic and production input and supporting women in every stage of their careers in every role.

Advisory: Strong language, References to Mental Illness, References to Suicide/Self Harm

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Venue: Laughing Horse, @ The Walrus (Basement Room), 10 Ship Street, Brighton BN1 1AD

Dates: 10th, 11th, 12th, 17th, 18th, 19th of May 2022 - 6:45pm

Tickets: £8 - £10

Booking: Box office: <https://www.brightonfringe.org/whats-on/happenings-160568/>

Website – www.notyourmusetheatre.co.uk

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