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Award-Winning South African Comedian Phil de Lange Brings *The Phil Monty* to Edinburgh Fringe — With a Little Help from Comedy Lovers

Edinburgh, Scotland — After a heartfelt crowdfunding campaign and months of hustle, South African stand-up comedian, producer, and ukulele-wielding podcaster **Phil de Lange** is coming to the world's biggest arts festival with his acclaimed solo show, *The Phil Monty*.

Selected for the 2025 **Edinburgh Fringe Festival**, *The Phil Monty* is a deeply funny, musically-infused exploration of Phil's early onset midlife crisis, the politics of WhatsApp groups, and grief — all delivered through Phil's signature mix of wit, warmth, and awkward charm. The show premiered in Cape Town before making its international debut here in Edinburgh.

But getting to Fringe wasn't just a creative challenge — it was a logistical and financial one too. Earlier this year, Phil launched a **crowdfunding campaign on Thundafund**, rallying fans, comedy lovers, and supporters of South African talent to help cover the cost of travel, accommodation, venue hire, and marketing.

View the original campaign: www.thundafund.africa/campaign/CDF70A6A92000636767D

"This festival has been a dream for years," said de Lange. "Getting selected was huge — getting here was even bigger. I'm incredibly grateful to everyone who backed the campaign, bought a jingle, booked a gig, or just shared the link."

True to Phil's DIY spirit, rewards for backers ranged from exclusive show previews to personalised ukulele jingles. He also poured in his own funds, working extra gigs and saving diligently.

As South African comedy continues to grow on the global stage, *The Phil Monty* is both a personal triumph and a showcase of the sharp, heartfelt storytelling emerging from the country's comedy scene.

 *Catch The Phil Monty at The Three Sisters - The Wee Room this August and see why audiences helped bring this unique voice all the way to Edinburgh.*

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