

Prospero



Marc Hogan: Actions Speak Louder Than Birds

Can a Corporate Communications Trainer become an Edinburgh Fringe comedian in less than a year? Marc Hogan invites you to join him on the journey from “corporate somebody” to “comedy nobody”, performing a full-length show at the world’s largest arts festival – all to win a £1 bet.

In August 2008, while giving a talk to a business audience, a fellow motivational speaker told Marc that he was “quite funny”. But would a paying audience who expect – nay, *demand* - laughs, think the same?

“So, you want me to do an open mic spot at a comedy club then?” Marc replied. “Right you are!”

But that was far too easy a challenge. Surely a professional speaker, used to playing big audiences, and sometimes even getting a laugh, should set his sights higher... or at least further North.

“I bet you a pound that you can’t put on a successful show at the 2009 Edinburgh Fringe Festival”.

The bet was on.

And so it began; the open spots, the sleepless nights, the laughs, the silences, the boos, the booze, and the endless, endless writing, rewriting, rephrasing and finding different words for what is becoming the biggest challenge of Marc’s life.

In a world where hundreds of amateur comedians are trying to become the next big thing, join Marc somewhere on the learning curve from “quite funny” to “funny”. Co-ordinates on that curve currently include failing disastrously to impress – instead of revolt - various girlfriends’ mothers, bibles, barbecues and being sexually assaulted by a swan.

Will Marc make the audience laugh, be crowned victorious and win that all-important £1? Or will he be adding another pound to the thousands spent on taking a show to the Edinburgh Fringe? There’s only one way to find out...

Corporate praise for Marc Hogan

“Engaging, energetic and inspirational – great stuff” **Richard Brown, BAA**

“Amazing” **Liz Kynoch, Tesco**

“Very funny” **John Penny, Reebok Sports Club**



Zoo Southside, 117 Nicholson St
19.15 (ends 20.15)
7th – 30th August
previews 7th – 8th, no show 17th or 24th
Sun – Thurs £6.50 (£5)
Fri – Sat £8 (£6), previews £5
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