

JOKE THIEVES & SKETCH THIEVES

Joke Thieves @ Cabaret Voltaire (Free Festival Venue 338) – 9pm (1hr) 4-28 Aug (not 16)

Sketch Thieves @ City Cafe (Free Festival Venue 85) 1:45pm (1hr) 4-28 Aug (not 16)

Joke Thieves, the Edinburgh Fringe favourite, will be returning to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival for 2016. Prior to this run, **Will Mars'** chaotic comedy brainchild has enjoyed three sold out years at the Fringe, a World Tour, and even recorded a **BBC** television pilot. It now returns for a fourth year with it's unique form of hilarious improvised comedy. This year will also see the return of **Sketch Thieves**, the sell-out sister show to Joke Thieves, which enjoyed it's debut last time around in Edinburgh.

Joke Thieves is the cult hit show where top stand-up comedians perform their own jokes and then each other's. Will they become flawless mimics or improvise their swag into a new direction? **Sketch Thieves** takes the same premise but replaces stand-up with sketch comedy. A switch-up with added jeopardy due to the mis-matched number of members in each troupe.

Over the past year **Joke Thieves** has enjoyed regular club shows in London, Edinburgh, Los Angeles and New York and these performances have been named **Critic's Choice** by **Time Out New York, Time Out London, The New York Times** and the **LA Weekly**. The show also won a 2015 award for Best Club Night in London from top U.K. comedy website, **Chortle**.

What the press have said about Joke Thieves and/or Sketch Thieves:

'An annual must for comedians and comedy fans alike' **LA Weekly**

'One of the most eye-opening hours I've spent at the fringe... a brilliant format' **Guardian**

'See comics deconstructing each other's acts... and you have a truly electric night' **Scotsman**

'A comedian's in-joke that everyone in the room can enjoy' **Independent**

'Spontaneous and anarchic, Joke Thieves is a unique, thoroughly enjoyable hour of mischief' **Fest**

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