



Pear Shaped Afternoons



with Brian & Krysstal

Unique comedy double act Brian and Krysstal return to the Fringe with **Pear Shaped Afternoons**. After doing the Festival for eight years from 2000 to 2008 Brian and Krystal decided to have a wee rest – for eight years! Peer pressure and public demand have drawn them back to their old haunt **The White Horse on Canongate**. It'll be like they've never been away!

This popular duo hosts an hour and a half of madcap humour in the reputedly haunted back room of the **White Horse in Canongate**. Brian and Krysstal will showcase their summer collection of Fringe favourites. Drop-ins, drop-outs, weird and wonderful comedy acts plucked from the streets of Edinburgh. The same rules apply to all their comedic peers: everyone does 5 minutes regardless. 'You can be shit, you can be brilliant, but everyone gets the same time,' says Brian.

Pear Shaped in Edinburgh first started as a midnight show at the **Holyrood Tavern**, but the move was made to afternoons in 2007 and 2008 and really caught on, especially during rainy spells. Brian says 'I love doing Pear Shaped in the afternoons now, the acts are sober, the audience is sober and even I am relatively sober....'

In between the acts Brian and Krysstal perform their special brand of humour and silly songs to create a wonderfully anarchic but comfortable atmosphere where anything goes. (Brian & Krysstal 7 to 21 Aug, guest comperes will host from 4-6 and 22-28 August)

Pear Shaped has the well-deserved reputation of discovering and nurturing talent. Comedians new and old have performed at Pear Shaped over the years, including Edinburgh Festival favourites such as:

- * **Stuart Lee** * **Malcolm Hardee (RIP)** * **Al Murray** * **Charlie Chuck** * **Daniel Kitson** *
 - * **Boothby Graffoe** * **Mark Maier** * **Reginald D Hunter** * **Dan Antapolski** *
 - * **Peter Buckley-Hill** * **Dave Thompson** * **Silky** * **Phil Nicol** * **Nick Wilty** *
 - * **Noel James** * **Shelagh Martin** * Award winners: **Paul Foot** * **Shazia Mirza** *
 - * **Hal Cruttenden** * **Nina Conti** * **Nic Sun** * **Wil Hodgson** * **Seymour Mace** * **Bridget Christie** *
- and many others too humorous to mention!

Brian and Krysstal are hoping to attract their regulars once more, 'We get people returning year after year' says Krysstal, 'what's wrong with them?' Indeed Brian, Krysstal and Pear Shaped are Fringe favourites with audiences and comedians alike. Drop in for a laugh, heckle or talk to a ghost in the corner.

Past Pear Shaped Reviews:

"...a first-rate evening." *Ollie Wilson, Ed Fest*

"...a line-up of acts ranging from the highly professional to the unashamedly amateurish.

It is wild. Madly wonderful." *The Stage*

"..this unthreateningly cheerful atmosphere lends a real sense of fun to the evening... a unique comic experience that you really have to sample at least once." *Chortle.co.uk*

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"Oh how I laughed. Hurrah." (Claire Smith, The Scotsman)

"They became a double act and have over the years perfected their performance together." Ollie Wilson (Ed Fest)

"Legendary...Brian Damage and top strangely straight-woman Krysstal... are a one-off cross-genre act but they have echoes of The Bonzos, the heyday of music hall and some rather seedy country and western club...four stars...I laughed like a drain"
John Fleming, Chortle.co.uk

" - intelligent comedy, downright dirty stuff and silly songs"
SXNews, Syd

" - as daft and charming as they are funny..."
The Stage

"If you like daft stuff you'll love this new album... by Brian Damage and Krysstal"
TIME OUT (London)

"..excellent but grumpy Brian Damage... his material is very dry, his charm infectious"
IC Scotland.co.uk (Edinburgh Festival)

"Brian Damage and his glamorous assistant Krysstal.. particularly engaging"
The List (Edinburgh Festival)

"A very funny act, good jokes and the timing is excellent"
Ben Elton

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