

When life gives you **LEMONS**, Doctor Klevemark can help!

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Lisa Klevemark makes her Edinburgh debut with **Lemons**, a one-woman character comedy show about positive thinking, the Pointer Sisters, and citrus fruit.

Lemons is a comedy-theatre hybrid, and it looks at the self-help and positive thinking industry. If we can achieve anything we want through positive thinking, isn't it all our fault if we don't get there? If positivity is all it takes, then why take action? If you're not constantly happy, what's with the negative attitude?

Motivational speakers, life coaches and personal transformation specialists are everywhere, and they claim to have all the answers. But if you go against their advice, taking a slightly more cynical look at what they're saying, you'll probably find that they don't.

Happiness is so boring. If you want fun, try cynicism.

Happy people don't start revolutions.

-Lisa Klevemark

What's more, they capitalise on people's desperation and thirst for easy answers, calling their sadness, mental health problems and flawed humanity *negative* and *undesirable*. It may not seem funny – positivity rarely is – and indeed, the spark that ignited the comedy flame of this show came from another source. An online dating profile which stated: *When life gives you lemons, don't make lemonade. Speak to life's manager. You didn't ask for lemons.*

Lemons, and its central character, Doctor Klevemark, are the creations of Lisa Klevemark, a comedian and actor. She is originally from Sweden, but has lived in the UK for many years. After realising that she was better suited for comedy than for serious Nordic drama, she trained at renowned French clown school Ecole Philippe Gaulier in 2015 – 2017. There, she learnt that playing with food is almost always funny, and that 'ridiculous' is not an insult.

When we see her, we know it's going to be ridiculous.

- Philippe Gaulier

Dates: 10th to 26th of August

Time: 12.30 (ends at 13.10)

Location: The Place (venue 532)

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Entry is free and unticketed, but please give advance notice of attendance so that a seat can be reserved.