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In Stitches

By Katharine Ferns

Vancouver Fringe Festival September 7-17, 2017

Performance Works (1218 Cartwright Street, Granville Island)

Tickets vancouverfringe.com

Manchester-based Canadian Comedian Katharine Ferns Brings Latest Fringe Hit *In Stitches* to the Vancouver Fringe Festival International Mainstage

Brutally funny and unflinchingly honest, *In Stitches* is the latest Fringe hit from comedian Katharine Ferns (MTV, ichannel). Using comedy for catharsis, *In Stitches* takes audiences through the visible and invisible scars of surviving mental illness, domestic violence, and drug addiction — with some feminism thrown in for comic relief. Based on true events from her own life, the story begins on April 21, 2016 — the day Prince passed away and Katharine ended up in stitches (literally). Through personal insights and a lot of laughs, Katharine's acclaimed solo show leaves her audiences in stitches (figuratively).

Ferns says, "This is the most honest comedy show I have written. Violence and mental health are issues we don't talk about enough, and through comedy I am able to talk about my experiences in way that is empowering but also honest. Since performing this show in the UK, I have received so many messages from fellow survivors and people that want to be advocates for change in how we deal with domestic violence in society. These inspiring audience reactions propel me to keep telling my story and hopefully it helps others talk about their own experiences too."

Following her critically-acclaimed performance at the Greater Manchester Fringe, *In Stitches* plays the Edinburgh Fringe Festival August 3-27 before hitting the Vancouver Fringe Festival Mainstage September 7-17. After the Fringe circuit, Katharine takes *In Stitches* on a cross-country Canadian tour, including a performance in the small town where the events from her show actually happened. Ferns adds, "In a sense, I'm returning to the scene of the crime to tell my story and reveal the truth of what happened to me there that I hid from everyone for so long."

Manchester Fringe Reviews

**** (Four Stars) "Just goes to prove you can make comedy out of tragedy ... one of the most moving, witty and sincere performances of this year's Fringe."—*North West End*

"The most incredible comedy performance."—*Phil Jones on BBC Radio 2*

Audience Reviews

"I wouldn't usually say any show was 'must see' but Jesus, this. Absolutely this."—Adam F

"The most important and needed comedy show I've ever seen. Brilliant, hilarious, brave, poignant. Not to be missed."—Tara P

"Absolutely brilliant, inspiring, heartbreaking and outrageously funny show."—Mark P

"This woman is amazing!"—Mariana D

Vancouver Fringe Performance Dates and Times

September 7-17, 2017 at Performance Works (1218 Cartwright Street, Granville Island)

Sept 7 at 5:05PM. Sept 9 at 3:50PM. Sept 10 at 7:05PM. Sept 13 at 5:20PM. Sept 16 at 8:20PM. Sept 17 at 3:50PM. Tickets vancouverfringe.com.

Preview: September 2 at 9:00PM Havana Theatre. Tickets at the door.

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High res photo available for download [HERE](#).

About Katharine Ferns:

In 2012, Katharine was a finalist in the Toronto's Funniest Comedian Contest at Just For Laughs (JFL42) and while in Canada had been the support act for Big Jay Oakerson, Ari Shaffir, Kurt Metzger, Tom Segura, Sam Tripoli, Baron Vaughn, Brian Redban from Deathsquad and Brendon Walsh.

Katharine was featured on Canada's iChannel in the stand-up series *No Kidding* and as a panelist on *Inside Joke* in 2014. She also appeared in an episode of MTV's *Losing It* and several theatrical productions with the PineTree Players in Alberta.

In 2014 Katharine moved to the UK to continue her career in her family's home country. That year she was a finalist in the Laughing Horse New Act Competition and in 2015, Katharine brought her 4 star debut solo show *Conscious, Incompetent* to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. In 2016, Katharine returned to Edinburgh with her work-in progress show *Faking It* and split hour with Evelyn Mok to rave reviews and she also was the support act for Dane Baptiste in Northern England.

This year, Katharine brought her new show *In Stitches* to the Leicester Comedy Festival, Glasgow International Comedy Festival and the Greater Manchester Fringe. After the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, the show will be part of the Mainstage at the Vancouver Fringe Festival in September.

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"Observant and witty, Katharine Ferns is a modern, 21st century woman, who throws herself into life and consequently her jokes."— **** (Four stars) *The Wee Review*

"Salty-sweet, savagely honest, brutally funny."—*The Scene Magazine*