

REVIEWS: KATHARINE FERNS IS IN STITCHES

Industry Reviews:

"It is a pitch perfect performance and a beautifully-written, perfectly-paced comedy script. Absolutely wonderfully done. A perfect Fringe show. Laughs. Tears. Jaw-dropping. It deserves a (formerly-known-as) Perrier Award" **John Fleming**

Link: <https://thejohnfleming.wordpress.com/2017/08/09/edinburgh-fringe-day-8-these-shows-are-all-far-too-good-and-then-consignia/>

"Brutally honest from the start, this show just goes to prove you can make comedy out of tragedy...moving, witty and sincere." **** **North West End**

Link: <http://www.northwestend.co.uk/index.php/gm-fringe/2220-katharine-ferns-in-stitches-53two-manchester>

"While some of us strive to destigmatize mental illness, to support victims of domestic violence and to empower women in embracing their sexuality, Katharine Ferns is out there doing the work, one theatre at a time." **Room Magazine**

Link: <https://roommagazine.com/blog/vancouver-fringe-festival-reviews-2017-edition>

"She takes intense personal moments, from physical pain to emotional scars, and makes them into jokes and heartbreak that we can share and relate to. This balancing act is very challenging, but Ferns is impressive in her quick turns." **Two Cents & Two Pence**

Link: <https://www.twocentstwopence.com/vancouver-fringe-2017>

"Utterly engaging, she doesn't miss a beat no matter how dark the detail — or punchline...Honest, hilarious, and brutally personal, *Katharine Ferns is in Stitches* is a fantastic one-woman show." **Mooney on Theatre**

Link: <https://www.mooneyontheatre.com/2018/07/07/katharine-ferns-is-in-stitches-katharine-ferns-2018-toronto-fringe-review/>

"...brilliantly unveils the seriousness of violence through wit and impeccable comedic talent." **The Vancouver Arts Review**

Link: <http://www.thevancouverartsreview.com/2018/07/toronto-fringe-katharine-ferns-stitches-echoes-living-will-merkin-sisters/>

Audience Reviews:

"The most incredible comedy performance I've ever seen." (Phil J. as quoted on BBC Radio 2)

"(Hannah Gadsby's) Nanette but with Canadian references." Julia F.

"The most important and needed comedy show I've ever seen. Brilliant, hilarious, brave, poignant. I was in stitches the whole time -- crying at times from laughter and at times from the gut wrenching honesty of her confessional storytelling. It was a treat. Not to be missed." (Tara P.)

"Sad, uplifting, courageous, funny, horrific, mind blowing! Unforgettable brilliance!" (Corin J.)

"An incredible story that will make you laugh when you probably want to cry! This woman is amazing!" (Mariana D.)

"I was expecting normal stand-up comedy not a deep thought provoking, funny, sad story of courage" (Jason S.)

"Compelling hour of honest, gutsy and funny stand-up" (Andy K.)

"Dark and funny and pretty bloody powerful. I wouldn't usually say any show was 'must see' but Jesus, this. Absolutely this. The show will hit you like a brick. But one with brilliant jokes written on it." (Adam F.)

"Brilliant, honest, emotional AND funny. See Katharine Ferns wherever/whenever you can" (Rachel W.)

"The most revealing and personal comedy show I've ever attended. Both brutal and brutally funny at the same time." (Antony J.)

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

"Delightful Katharine Ferns delivers a series of serious messages in her standup show, finding way to make real and tragic events funny." (David C.)

"Harrowing, hilarious, this lady has stories you all need to hear." (Sean C.)

"An amazing performance of "In Stitches". Best thing i've seen at the Edinburgh Fringe to date-just phenomenal" (Holly J.)

"Wow! Astonishingly open, brave & powerful show. And funny - very funny! Glad I caught this!" (@hubbada)

"Funny, open, powerful #ComedyHeals" (Amy C.)

"Poignant and very funny." (Beverley C.)

"Incredible show by Katharine Ferns. Jaw-dropping, powerful" (Derek R.)

"Any show where I laugh, have a tear in my eye and has Prince reference is my favourite." (Scott A.)

"A phenomenal show. Honest and deep. Truly skilled in the way she can incorporate comedy to her life. #MustSee" (@CoffeyHWriters)

“Amazing show by Katharine Ferns. Really gripping story with plenty of laughs in between. Make sure you see her.” (Benjamin C.)

“Brilliant, brutal comedy. You’re in safe hands” (@keshco)

“Thoroughly recommend brilliant comedian Katharine Ferns. Never laughed and cried as much during a show.” (Elaine S.)

“A very hard subject to mine for humour, done with a deft touch.” (Dave K.)

“Entertaining show, could not recommend any more.” (Jade S.)

“Comedy that moved me to tears. “In Stitches” was very funny and incredibly brave. Thanks for sharing.” (Kathryn M.)

“Katharine’s show is like a road map for talking about difficult issues (namely domestic violence) with humour and respect.” Laura M.

“Katharine Ferns is the powerful, brave voice of so many.” Michelle T.

“A riveting, heartbreaking, shocking and blackly hilarious story very skillfully and well told. I saw it opening night and I’m still thinking about the show days later.” Celeste S.