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Edinburgh University Footlights **American Idiot** by Billie Joe Armstrong and Michael Mayer



Iconic rock-opera for the post 9/11 generation

American Idiot is a two-time Tony award winner and Grammy winner for Best Musical Show Album. **Edinburgh University Footlights** are proud to present **Green Day's** award winning musical **American Idiot**. This show takes the most electrifying of **Green Day's** hit album and brings it to life in a non-stop assault on the senses. We follow Johnny, the self-proclaimed Jesus of Suburbia, and his equally disaffected friends Will and Tunny as they struggle to find meaning in their lives. They are trapped between rage and love, a concept that defines and drives their generation. Johnny heads for the city and enters into a tumultuous relationship with a wild and unpredictable woman and an even more passionate affair with hard drugs. Tunny seemingly finds purpose in joining the military but is emotionally and physically broken in the line of duty. Will who decides to stay home with his pregnant girlfriend, slips further and further into a state of disillusion and hopelessness. It showcases the angst and troubled minds of a post 9/11 generation and the temptations that pull them in every which way, all through the incredible 'rock-opera' of one of **Green Day's** most iconic albums.

Founded in 1989, **Edinburgh University Footlights** is a student-run musical theatre group that aims to present the largest-scale production of the university's theatrical calendar every year. **Footlights** has gone from strength the strength -Following this year's successful production of *Fame!* and a sell-out show at their return to the Edinburgh Fringe in 2017, Footlights is back in with their production of **American Idiot!**

'One of the most respected theatre groups in Britain'

Edinburgh Evening News

'It's a professional level show at amateur prices.'

Edinburgh Guide

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Listings Information

Venue C, Adam House, Chambers Street, EH1 1HR, venue 34

Dates 12-18 Aug

Time 13:40 (1hr45)

Ticket prices £11.50-£13.50 / concessions £9.50-£11.50 / under 18s £7.50-£9.50

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