## Me, My Friends and I The Stander Gang by Will Kirkham



## A high-energy farce about South Africa's infamous criminal masterminds – as funny as it is true.

A fast-paced farcical play tracing the incredible true story of Andre Stander, a South African police officer turned rogue. Bank robberies, prison breakouts, saucy shower scenes, the formation of a highly successful criminal organisationthere's a bit of everything in this twist-filled retelling of South Africa's most notorious criminals.

The world of the Stander Gang is brought into wig-filled frivolity. Three young friends, Archie, James and Will bring an infectious chemistry to the stage that can only be honed through years of friendship.

This adrenaline-pumping plot is matched by their rapid character changes. A bare bones production, this is a show that allows their high energy performances to throw the audience into the criminal escapades of South Africa.

**Will Kirkham's** debut play, he has recently found his groove, writing with love and enthusiasm for both stage and film. Hailing from a background in acting, Kirkham has performed with the Yvonne Arnaud Youth Theatre, Guildford for seven years.

Under Kirkham's direction, three actors and friends **Archie Shields, James Pearson-Miles** and **Will Kirkham** make their Edinburgh Fringe debut, with **Tom Spurin** as technical support. Kirkham's original cast, which included Archie and James, were privileged enough to be signed off the back of their first showing with London agency Waring and McKenna. **Me, My Friends and I theatre** is formed by four friends who met at school, and have remained friends ever since.

A wild story as exhilarating as it is true, a whirlwind of fun-filled farce.

Listings InformationVenueC aquila, Roman Eagle Lodge, 2 Johnston Terrace, venue 21Dates1-10 AugTime13:20 (1hr00)Ticket prices£7.50-£9.50 / concessions £5.50-£7.50 / under 18s £3.50-£5.50C venues box office0131 581 5555 / www.CtheFestival.com/2019/the-stander-gangFringe box office0131 226 0000 / www.edfringe.com



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