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# John Burns Mallory: Beyond Everest by John Burns



## What if Mallory had survived the mountain, what ghosts would have haunted him?

Was George Mallory the first man to climb Everest? It's 90 years since he and Andrew Irvine vanished into the mist on their final push toward the unconquered summit of Everest. They were never seen alive again and passed into mountaineering legend. Whether they were the first to climb the mountain, thirty years before Hillary, is a debate that still rages.

**John Burns** has brought Mallory back to life in a unique one-man play that combines physical theatre, film and especially composed music in a stunning production that is engaging, funny and moving. With music produced by **Bob Pegg** and including original film footage of the 1924 Everest expedition, shown by kind permission of the British Film Institute, the play provides a fascinating insight into the mind of a man torn between his love for his wife Ruth and his relentless, burning desire to be the first man to reach the highest point on earth. **Beyond Everest** is a human story told with humour and passion.

This will be **John Burns'** second play on the Fringe. His first, *A Passion for Evil*, went on to be developed by the Lowry, Salford and toured the UK. Burns, a mountaineer himself and an award-winning writer, uses his insight into the world of climbing and the minds of men willing to face the ultimate challenge, to bring a unique perspective on this controversial climber. Whilst the play is about one of the world's greatest mountaineers, it challenges us all to consider why we risk everything, our life and our love, for such fleeting triumphs.

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### Listings Information

Venue

C nova, venue 145, Edinburgh Festival Fringe

Dates

30 Jul-25 Aug (not 11)

Time

15:00 (1h00)

Ticket prices

£8.50-£10.50 / concessions £6.50-£8.50 / children £4.50-£6.50

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