

MELODY

JEMIMA FOXTROT & UNHOLY MESS

**A LYRICAL EXPLORATION OF MUSIC AND MEMORY
TOLD THROUGH A JOURNEY HOME FROM WORK**



AWARD-WINNING PERFORMANCE POET JEMIMA FOXTROT FUSES SPOKEN WORD AND SONG TO EXPLORE HOW MUSIC ATTACHES ITSELF TO MEMORIES, PEOPLE AND PLACES. FROM FUNK AND SOUL TO FOLK MUSIC, JEMIMA TELLS A FUNNY, POIGNANT STORY OF CHILDHOOD, DISPLACEMENT, GROWING UP, LOVE, MIGRATION, HEART-BREAK AND JOY.

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★★★★★ *“a **glittering** show, a **gem in every sense**, a **shining thing**”* - The Stage

★★★★★ *“Her happy energy in the face of life’s more depressing aspects is **infectious**”* - THE LIST

★★★★★ *“**Charming, funny and poignant...Sure to be a popular gem**”* - Broadway Baby

*“**Show-stopping a capella singing...spine-tingling**”* - THE SCOTSMAN

*“**The brilliant Foxtrot is the one to watch**”* - Observer New Review

*“**Excellent and well-structured performance art; engaging and enjoyable with marvellous poetry. It is thoughtful and stimulating, examining the importance of song with intelligence and vigour**”*
- Rufus McAlister (Buxton Festival Fringe Reviews)

*“**Jemima Foxtrot is a revelation...Her poetry is sharp and intelligent, delivered with confident, dramatic timing, and interspersed with song**”* - Write Out Loud

*“**A truly unforgettable voice**”* - Luke Wright

Melody was developed and presented as a work-in-progress at Clapham Omnibus, The Southbank Centre and Battersea Arts Centre. It was performed for the first time as a preview at The Barbican in July 2015, before transferring to the Buxton Festival Fringe where it won the **Spoken Word Award**. *Melody* is Jemima's debut poetry show.

JEMIMA FOXTROT - WRITER & PERFORMER

Jemima was shortlisted for the **Arts Foundation Spoken Word Fellowship 2015**. She has performed extensively across the UK at venues and festivals including Latitude Festival, Colchester Arts Centre and Nuffield Theatre. She recently performed in the Barbican main hall as part of **Doug Aitken's Station to Station** project alongside poetry legends including Simon Armitage and Don Paterson for a special concert curated by, and featuring, Beck.

She has been featured on **BBC Artsnight with Lynn Barber**, **BBC's Women Who Spit** with her commissioned poetry film **Mirror**, and in a short film by Florian Bichet for Random Acts (due for release on Channel 4, August 2015).

Jemima blends powerful, sonic heavy poetry about modern life with snippets of her favourite artists' songs – as well as her own - in a belting singing voice that will knock you for six.

LUCY ALLAN - WRITER AND DIRECTOR

Directing includes: *Endgame* (Joshua Brooks), *Can't Stand Up For Falling Down* (Studio Salford and The Lowry Studio), *Rootbound* and *Rigor Mortis* (as part of The Miniaturists at The Arcola, *Unsung* (The Rosemary Branch Theatre, Wilton's Music Hall, C Nova at the Edinburgh Fringe).

Assisting includes: *Cyrano de Bergerac* (dir. Lucy Pitman-Wallace at Grosvenor Park Open Air Theatre), *The Shawshank Redemption* (dir. Lucy Pitman-Wallace at The Assembly Rooms, Edinburgh) and *Olympia* (workshop, dir. Alex Clifton at The Jerwood Space).

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LISTINGS

Venue: One Festival, The Space, London

Dates: Friday 12th, Wednesday 17th, Saturday 20th (matinee) February 2016

Venue: StAnza Festival, St Andrews

Dates: Saturday 5th March 2016

Venue: Clapham Omnibus, London

Dates: Thursday 14th April 2016

Venue: Alphabetti Theatre, Newcastle

Dates: Saturday 16th April 2016

Venue: Upstairs at the Western, Leicester

Dates: Friday 29th April 2016

Venue: Ffwrnes Theatre, Llanelli, Wales

Dates: Saturday 7th May 2016

Venue: Latitude Festival

Dates: Friday 15th July 2016