



CKP and InterTalent Group presents  
**Elf Lyons: ChiffChaff**



**Omnibus Theatre: 25<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> March**

**Edinburgh Comedy Awards Best Show Nominee 2017**  
**Malcolm Hardee Award Nominee 2017**  
**FRINGE WORLD Best Comedy Show Nominee 2018**  
**Adelaide Pick of the Fringe Winner 2018**

After debuting at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe last year, 2017's **Edinburgh Comedy Award Best Show** nominee **Elf Lyons** is bringing the critically praised **ChiffChaff** to the **Omnibus Theatre**. The show is directed by **Aitor Basauri** from Spymonkey.

Who better to take on the economy than the daughter of an economist? Elf will be pulling apart our fiscal situation while singing about Japan, tap-dancing to South Korea and clowning around with Brexit. All in the style of the diva in the red sparkly dress, Liza Minnelli.

Over the past few years, Elf Lyons has proven herself to be one of the fastest rising stars in comedy. Since being a finalist in the **Funny Women competition** in 2013, she has made her mark on the London and UK comedy circuit, as well as performing at leading arts festivals all around the world. International performances have included Luxembourg's **Humour de la Paix Festival**, **Adelaide Fringe**, **Berlin Fringe** and two sell-out runs at Paris' **Central Théâtre du Gymnase**.

Elf's fourth solo show, **Swan**, gained her an **Edinburgh Comedy Award** nomination for **Best Show**, a nomination for a **Malcolm Hardee Award**, a Perth **FRINGE WORLD** nomination for **Best Comedy Show** and won her a **Pick of the Fringe** award at the **Adelaide Fringe**.

In 2017, Elf was commissioned to write and star in a video for **BBC Comedy** as part of their "Top 10" series (produced by Rumpus Media) and in 2018, Elf was commissioned to write and star in a short for the BBC 3 Quickies series. She was announced as a part of the **BBC New Talent Hot List 2017** as a performer and is currently developing a number of projects for television. Elf is due to appear on the upcoming series of **BBC Radio 4's Fred at the Stand** and BBC Radio 4's **GrownupLand** podcast

As well as studying at the prestigious **L'Ecole Philippe Gaulier**, Elf was part of the **Duckie Homosexualist Summer School 2016** at the Royal Vauxhall Tavern and has been accepted on to the **Cabaret & Drag Lab** course at the Soho Theatre this summer.

She launched the LGBT comedy night **The Matron Presents** and is currently on the LGBT+ Committee of Equity. At the end of 2016, Elf started developing several new projects and launched her own theatre company: **RARARATheatre**. Elf also has extensive directing experience, having directed for companies such as **OddFlock**, opera company **Little Room Productions** and **OffCut Festival**. She has since used this experience to mentor and direct performers at 2018's Edinburgh Festival, and is currently working with the **Nuffield Southampton Theatres Laboratory Associates** on a new studio show in their early career **Artist Development Programme**.



Elf is also writing a book on economics with her dad.

**What the press have said about ChiffChaff:**

*"It is an excellent, wonderfully bizarre hour of comedy and economics which doesn't lead to deflation."* ★★★★★ **Voice**

*"Elf Lyons is a uniquely talented comedian and she takes funny to places no one else does, to places no one else even knows."* ★★★★★ **The Scotsman**

*"It's hilarious and, as Lyon's dad is the economist and Dead Kennedy's fan Gerard Lyons, also weirdly accurate"* ★★★★★ **The Times**

- ★★★★★  
**Funny Women**
- ★★★★★  
**ThreeWeeks**
- ★★★★★  
**Entertainment Focus**
- ★★★★★  
**One4Review**
- ★★★★★  
**Arthur's Seat**
- ★★★★★  
**The List**
- ★★★★★  
**Wee Review**

**What the press have said about Elf Lyons:**

*"Hysterical tour de force...It's adaptation on another level, clowning at its most accessible, and just amazing."* ★★★★★ **ThreeWeeks**

*"One-of-a-kind"* ★★★★★.5 **To Do List**

*"Hugely entertaining"* ★★★★★ **The Skinny**

*"Lyons is a master of her game"* **The List**

*"A fast talking, smart-thinking standup for whom the adjective "kooky" could have been invented for"* **The Guardian**

*"Lyons has genuine funnybones – a surprisingly rare commodity even in comedy"* **Chortle**

*"Fantastic comedic success"* ★★★★★ **EdFestMag**

*"She's delightfully eccentric, brilliantly original and a joy to watch."* **Beyond The Joke**

**Listings Information:**

**Dates:** 25<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> March 2019 (not 27<sup>th</sup>)  
**Show:** Elf Lyons: ChiffChaff  
**Venue:** Omnibus Theatre  
**Address:** 1 Clapham Common North Side, London, SW4 0QW  
**Time:** 7.30PM  
**Price:** £13 (£11)  
**Box office:** [www.omnibus-clapham.org](http://www.omnibus-clapham.org)

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