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JINKX MONSOON & MAJOR SCALES: THE GINGER SNAPPED



UK NATIONAL TOUR 14 November 2018 – 9 April 2019 TICKETS ON SALE NOW

It's therapy you can dance to!

Following last year's total sell-out tour of **The Vaudevillians** which was performed in countries around the world, **RuPaul's Drag Race** winner of Season Five **Jinkx Monsoon** and lyrical genius **Major Scales** return to showcase new music from their latest album **The Ginger Snapped**... however Jinkx worries that her best years are behind her. In order to avoid a breakdown of diva proportions Major must act as both pianist and therapist to the Manic Miss Monsoon. Music and mental health collide in this witty, biting look at the dark side of Drag fame.

Jinkx Monsoon is the alter ego of Jerick Hoffer, who graduated with a degree in theatrical performance from Cornish College in Seattle. With twelve years' experience on stage, Hoffer is a seasoned Portland-born entertainer who has captured the attention of his native northwest region.

As early as 2006, Hoffer appeared as the lead dancer in the world's largest drag queen chorus line, which made the **Guinness Book of World Records**. By 2012, he had advanced to roles in Seattle theatres, playing **Moritz** in **Spring Awakening** (produced by Balagan Theatre), **Angel** in **Rent** and **Velma Von Tussle** in **Hairspray** (both produced by The 5th Avenue Theatre). In 2016, Hoffer played **Hedwig** in **Hedwig and the Angry Inch** (produced by Balagan Theatre and Seattle Theatre Group). As well as the latest album, **The Ginger Snapped**, Jinkx also released an album in 2014 called **The Inevitable Album**, which included the hugely popular singles **Coffee and Wine**, **The Bacon Shake** and Jinkx's version of **Radio Head's Creep**. On screen, Jinkx has appeared in an episode of **Blue Bloods** and joined the cast of **Wes Hurley's** hit comedy series **Capitol Hill**. Following the success of the cult **YouTube** series, **Drag Becomes Him**, Jinkx successfully raised enough funds via Kickstarter to turn the series into a feature length movie of the same name which was released in 2015. Jerick Hoffer has managed all of this while suffering from narcolepsy, which was revealed during his appearance on RuPaul's Drag Race.



Major Scales is the evil twin of Richard Andriessen, a musician, writer and performer based in Seattle. He has written everything from award-winning New York shows on the east coast to music for amateur adult films on the west.

Soho Theatre is London’s most vibrant venue for new theatre, comedy and cabaret. As entrepreneurial as it is innovative, over the last five years under the joint leadership of Soho's Artistic Director Steve Marmion and Executive Director Mark Godfrey, the charity and social enterprise has almost trebled audiences, opened a new venue and produced more work than ever before. The vision for 2015-2018 is to ambitiously expand beyond Dean Street with an additional larger new venue, a digital and TV presence, and a national and international touring programme.

Videos:

<http://www.funnyordie.com/videos/c342bda3e5/jinkx-it>

<http://www.funnyordie.com/videos/8373b18a2a/jinkx-experiments-with-drugs>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QwvF3RAirVc>

Age guideline: 16+

Running Time: 80 minutes (approx)

Facebook: @jinkx.monsoon

Twitter: @JinkxMonsoon

Instagram: Thejinkx

Website: jinkxmonsoon.com

Praise for Jinkx Monsoon and Major Scales:

*“Energetic, funny and filthy as f*ck – this pair are perfect!”*

Gay Times

“Jinkx Monsoon is blessed with charisma, uniqueness, nerve and talent”

Time Out London

“The laughs are jam-packed and the musicianship is flawless... It’s an expert blend of comedy, song and theatre and I’m going to do my best to see it a second time.”

★★★★ **Time Out, Melbourne**

“Straight or gay, everyone leaves this show with sides aching from laughter.”

The New York Times

“Intelligent and entertaining... Jinkx Monsoon and Major Scales are the millennial Kiki & Herb”

TheatreMania

“I loved THE GINGER SNAPPED and anyone who doesn’t feel the same way much be crazy! I’ve seen the show four times. Jinkx and Major are such an incredibly talented creative duo. They put on a stellar show together that’s a unique and fresh departure from today’s popular drag entertainment. The show is hilarious and heartfelt and full of fabulous original music that leaves you wanting more.”

Peaches Christ

“The best voice in the business singing the best original songs I’ve heard in years. THE GINGER SNAPPED is a nutty knockout!”

Varla Lean Merman



Tour Dates
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14 November www.junction.co.uk / 01223 511511	Cambridge Junction J1
15 - 16 November www.colchesterartscentre.com / 01206 500900	Colchester Arts Centre
17 November www.birminghamhippodrome.com / 0844 338 5000	Birmingham Hippodrome Patrick Centre
20 November www.hulltruck.co.uk / 01482 323638	Hull Truck Theatre
21 November www.epsteinliverpool.co.uk / 0844 888 4411	Liverpool Homotopia - Epstein Theatre
23 – 27 November www.theoldmarket.com / 01273 201801	Brighton Old Market
29 November www.komedia.co.uk/bath / 0845 293 8480	Bath Komedia
6 March www.galadurham.co.uk / 03000 266 600	Durham Gala Theatre
7 March www.sjt.uk.com / 01723 370 541	Scarborough Stephen Joseph Theatre
10 March www.leicesterymca.co.uk/theatre/ / 0116 255 7066	Leicester Y Theatre
12 – 23rd March (not Mondays) www.leicestersquaretheatre.com / 020 7734 2222	London Leicester Square Theatre
28 – 30th March www.homemcr.org/theatre / 0161 200 1500	Manchester Home
01 April www.staffordgatehousetheatre.co.uk / 01785 619080 ext. 1	Stafford Gatehouse Theatre
02 April www.dukes-lancaster.org / 01524 598500	Lancaster Dukes Theatre
03 April www.thsh.co.uk / 0121 780 3333	Birmingham Town Hall
06 April www.northernstage.co.uk / 0191 230 5151	Newcastle Northern Stage
09 April www.dukes-lancaster.org / 01524 598500	Lancaster Dukes Theatre

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