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Wishing You Were Here - Dispatches from The Fringe

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Edinburgh and August: it can only mean the Edinburgh Fringe as the mother of all Fringe Festivals gets underway for a glorious three weeks. A cornucopia of comedy, theatre, dance, burlesque, music: you name it. It's all here, in all its madness and glory.

For those of you arriving, a useful bit of advice: download the Fringe App to your phone if you can. It has everything from show times, maps with directions to venues and half-price ticket options. Just don't get too familiar with the Nearby Now feature. While great for finding shows in the immediate vicinity, you can get hooked and forget to check out shows that might be a little further afield. Also, best buying tickets online, despite the small handling charge. If you prefer buying at the Box Office on The Royal Mile, give yourself plenty of time. Lines are long. But if you're simply collecting tickets you'll be in and out in minutes and the staff are brilliant. Check the Royal Mile for the fun of it anyway, there's acts offering samples of their work, street performers offering everything from music to stunt cycling and flyers saturating you from every side.

If you have any questions, feel free to drop me a line. And if you're not going to make it this time round, well hopefully *Dispatches from the Fringe* will have you wishing you were here and encourage you to come along next year. And who knows, maybe next year you might even go mad altogether and get yourself involved.



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