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# Dispatches from the Fringe: no holds barred in 'You're Not Alone'

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## You're Not Alone by Kim Noble

Rating: ★★★★★

In "You're Not Alone, Kim Noble introduces us to a wild array of often bizarre characters to a cracking 80's soundtrack. There's Keith, a cashier at Morrisons whose life is confined behind his till, Noble's own father, dying slowly and without dignity in a hospital, Sarah, a lady in red looking to connect with a host of strange men on the internet, all of whom want to have sex with her. In Noble's unsettling universe, beneath the façade of loving relationships lie some cold, hard truths. Anarchic, subversive, overflowing with a punk DIY sensibility, "You're Not Alone" takes a hammer to social conventions and shatters them into a million pieces to reveal the ugliness, and sometimes tenderness lying underneath.

As Noble takes us on a roller-coaster ride through his twisted musings on love, sex, relationships and taxidermy, often graphic imagery and footage are projected onto a large screen behind him.

Noble interacts with both images and music with perfect timing, never missing a beat. Throughout, “You’re Not Alone” is laugh out loud hilarious as Noble decides to work at B&Q, go on dates and do good deeds as part of his personal project. With one of the best show endings to be found anywhere, “You’re Not Alone” leaves many questions in its wake and some uncomfortable and incontrovertible truths.

“You’re Not Alone” is an innovative, inventive and brave dark comedy that tackles head on life as it is sometimes lived, exposing all its sham and perversity. Less interested in the photo-shopped image on the screen, it drags the ugliness hidden behind it kicking and screaming into the light. In a production whose strictly over 18 warning is warranted, you might not always like what you see, but you definitely cannot afford to miss this funny, moving and thought provoking show.

“You’re Not Alone” by Kim Noble runs at the [Abbey Theatre](#) on the Peacock Stage as part of the Tiger Dublin Fringe till September 19th.

Show begins at 9.00 pm.

Tickets: €16/€14

“You’re Not Alone” is strictly over 18 and contains material and content some may find offensive.

For further information visit [The Abbey Theatre](#) or [Tiger Dublin Fringe](#)



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