

MIKE WARD

FREEDOM OF SPEECH ISN'T FREE

AS PART OF THE EDINBURGH FESTIVAL FRINGE 2016

Venue: Gilded Balloon – Wine Bar (Venue 14)
Dates: 3rd August to 28th August 2016
Time: 8.45pm (9.45pm)
Box office: 0131 622 6552
Internet: www.gildedballoon.co.uk/ www.edfringe.com



“THE CHERUBIC WARD MAY LOOK AS INNOCENT AS AN ALTAR BOY, BUT REST ASSURED HE IS NOT. WHAT POPS OUT OF HIS MOUTH WILL NEVER BE CONSTRUED AS SUNDAY-SCHOOL FARE...HE CAN HOLD HIS OWN WITH ANY OF THE BIG BOYS AND GIRLS OF BAD.”

Montreal Gazette

ComediHa! is proud to present multi-Award winning French Canadian Comedian Mike Ward as he makes his highly anticipated debut at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe this year.

Earlier this year Mike was sued by the Canadian Government for one of his jokes and The Human Rights Commission (of Quebec) now wants to fine him \$80,000. So Mike has decided to get his money's worth by bringing the joke across the Atlantic to Edinburgh. He might even learn Spanish so he can take the joke to Spain and Mexico as well.

Should you make fun of disabled children? Of course you shouldn't. Should we be allowed to? Of course we should says Ward.

This is a show all about the sanctity of Freedom of Expression and our – often – double standards when confronted by it.

“A COMEDY GENIUS CAPABLE OF ANYTHING.” Journal de Montreal

Mike Ward is a biting bilingual comedian who is a household name in French Canada where his last tour grossed over \$5,000,000. He's won multiple awards (Gemini, Victor, Olivier, Nez d'Or, Antoine), produced three platinum-selling DVDs, and was named one of the 25 Best Comedians of All Time by 'Le Festival Juste Pour Rire' (the Just for Laughs festival's French speaking section).

He has performed on TV in 20 countries throughout Europe, Africa, Australia and North America. He can currently be seen on Showtime (USA) in *Artie Lange's Nasty Show* and on Air Canada Flights (Worldwide) in *JPR Gala F**k Les Variétés*. He's also appeared on numerous podcasts including *WTF with Marc Maron* and *Artie Lange's Artie Quitter Podcast*.

Mike has also performed at the prestigious Just For Laughs Festival in Montreal every year since 2008. In 2015 he took over hosting *The Nasty Show*, the festival's longest running and most popular show aired on HBO. In 2010 he was ranked as one of the Top 10 Funniest Comedians in the World by *The-Top-Tens.com*.

ComediHa! Festival is one of the foremost comedy festivals in the world, taking place every June in Québec and offering around 200 productions and over 250 artists annually. In addition to Mike Ward's appearances the festival has also hosted performers such as Jerry Seinfeld, Whoopi Goldberg, Roberto Benigni and John Malkovich to name a few.

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