



## The Vintage Mobile Cinema *Presents*

# Free Daytime Screenings Audrey's Absolute Fest of All The Reel Comedy Club Comedians Film Club Outside the Assembly Rooms, George Street Daily 4-27 August

Back in the 1960s seven Mobile Cinemas were made for the Ministry of Technology. Today only one remains and during August this precious piece of history will be parked outside the Assembly Rooms on George Street for visitors to admire, photograph or hop onboard. Every day there will be free screenings running every 15 minutes about the history of this beautifully restored 1960s Mobile Cinema. To celebrate 70 years of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, audiences will also be able to watch some fascinating early archive footage of the Edinburgh Festival and the fashionable crowds that lined the streets and filled the concert halls.

At 6pm the Mobile Cinema (nicknamed 'Audrey') will become an intimate stand-up space kicking off with **Audrey's Absolute Fest of All** where a top comedian will perform their full Edinburgh show. Then at 7.30pm **The Reel Comedy Club** will showcase a dazzling array of the best comics on the Fringe, and at 10pm **The Comedians Film Club** will see a different comedian each night present their favourite film to a seated audience of just 22.

In the 1960s the Mobile Cinema's purpose was to provide engineering training as part of Harold Wilson's 'White Head of Technology'. Each cinema had a trailer that was used as an engineering demonstration space to compliment the training that would take place on the cinema. After the scheme ended in 1974 all the cinemas and their trailers were sold off to private owners. One or two of them briefly had lives as circus tour buses, mobile homes and corporate units but gradually over time they were all scrapped. Today 'Audrey' (KJU267E) is the only remaining cinema.

In 2015 Audrey's adjoining trailer was discovered on a farm in Wiltshire and was reunited with the Cinema. Its owner Ben Moorhouse plans to restore the trailer to its original 1967 exterior and internally to create a 1930's themed cocktail bar using funds raised from a Crowdfunding appeal which will launch on 1 July 2017 and will run until the end of this year's Edinburgh Festival Fringe.

The Crowdfunding target is £80k and more details about the restoration trailer plans can be found at: <http://www.vintagemobilecinema.co.uk/trailer/>

**Web:** <http://www.vintagemobilecinema.co.uk/events/edinburgh-festival-2017/>

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### LISTINGS INFORMATION

**Venue:** George Street, Outside Assembly Rooms

**Free Daytime Screenings:** From 12 noon until 6pm Running Time: 15 mins

**Dates:** 4-27 Aug daily

**Audrey's Absolute Fest of All:** 18:00 Running Time 60 mins

**Dates:** 4-26 Aug, no show 14 Aug £12.50 (£10)



**The Reel Comedy Club:** 19:30 Running Time 60 mins

**Dates:** 4-26 Aug No shows 14 Aug, £12.50 (£10)

**Comedians Film Club:** 22:00 **Running Time:** 150 mins approx

**Dates:** 04 – 26 August, No shows 14 Aug £12.50 (£10)

**Bookings:** assemblyfestival.com, 0131 623 3030 or Assembly box offices at Assembly Hall and Assembly Roxy, Assembly George Square and Assembly Checkpoint

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