

# ERICH MCELROY

## THE BRITISH REFERENDUM

AS PART OF THE EDINBURGH FESTIVAL FRINGE 2014

**Venue:** Just The Tonic – The Community Project - The Little Kirk (Venue 27)  
**Dates:** 31<sup>st</sup> July to 24<sup>th</sup> August 2014 (not 12<sup>th</sup>)  
**Time:** 6.55pm (7.55pm)  
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### “LIKE A ONE MAN HAVE I GOT NEWS FOR YOU”

**Everything Theatre**

American satirist Erich McElroy returns to the Edinburgh Festival Fringe this year with the final show in his British Trilogy - a brand new show inspired by the forthcoming referendum for Scottish independence.

Erich's first show in 2006 – *Brokeback Britain* – looked at the UK from the point of view of a foreigner in a foreign land and in his 2012 show - *The Brit Identity* – he chronicled his transition from expat to immigrant. Now in his latest show, *The British Referendum*, Erich makes his case for the Union. He's proud of his British passport and when he got he didn't realize the Scottish section might get torn out. Having Scottish ancestry, becoming British made Erich feel like he had come home. However, if the referendum passes there will be a border guard to the top floor of Grandpa's house. And that's where all the whisky's kept. Could it be that this American – turned Brit – with Scottish heritage is the only comic at the Fringe to stand by the Union Jack?

Erich doesn't get to vote, but he has to say: “It's not just about you, Scotland.”

### “BRILLIANT”

★★★★ **Chortle**

Originally from Seattle, Erich joined ranks with the country of his ancestors by becoming a British citizen in 2007 and has become highly regarded for his humorous and insightful take on living in the UK.

He has written for The Independent and the Huffington Post.

### “A BOX WORTH TICKING”

**Metro**

Erich first appeared at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe in 2006 with his show, *Brokeback Britain*, was a Fringe Total Sellout. He returned a few years later in 2010 as part of *AAA Stand-up Late* at the Pleasance and his 2012 show *The Brit Identity* was a great hit with audiences and press alike. With a good mix of British cynicism and American positivity, he is fast making his mark on the UK comedy circuit. Erich has appeared on BBC Breakfast and FIVE news to comment on what makes us all tick.

### “AN AMERICAN BY BIRTH, BUT BRITISH AT HEART”

★★★★ **Three Weeks**

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