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**"Salty-sweet,
savagely honest, brutally funny."**

- The Scene Magazine

"Polished Canadian comic"

- Chortle

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Canadian comic Katharine Ferns to perform debut show at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival

Celebrated Canadian comic Katharine Ferns will be performing her debut solo show *Conscious Incompetent* with The Free Festival at The Counting House, from the 6th-30th of August at 18:15.

Known for her dry and raw sense of humour, Katharine appears to be a sweet Canadian comic, but stories about her misadventures are both dark and brutally funny. From her eccentric family, romantic failures, depression, and drugs, to her struggles for redemption, Katharine finds humour (but necessarily solutions) in all her mistakes. As her therapist once explained: "Katharine is a conscious incompetent. She is aware of all her problems but she is unable to fix any of them." With this diagnosis, what else can you do but laugh?

About Katharine

Katharine Ferns began her stand up career in Vancouver and Toronto where she developed her confessional and relentlessly honest storytelling style of comedy. In 2012, she was a finalist in Toronto's Funniest Comedian at Just For Laughs (JFL42). She has opened for Big Jay Oakerson, Ari Shaffir, Kurt Metzger, Tom Segura, Sam Tripoli, Baron Vaughn, Brian Redban from Deathsquad, and Brendon Walsh. Katharine was featured on iChannel (Canada's political and social issues network) in the stand-up series *No Kidding*, and as a panellist on *Inside Joke* in 2014. She also hosted a monthly show *COMEDY INFERNO*, and was the weekly headliner at the Hot Box in Toronto.

In 2014, Katharine moved to the UK to continue her career in her family's home country. That year she was a finalist in the Laughing Horse New Act competition, and this year she has arrived at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival with her debut solo show *Conscious Incompetent*.

Katharine Ferns: Conscious Incompetent

August 6th-30th at 18:15 (free show - tickets at door)
Laughing Horse @ The Counting House – The Studio
38 West Nicolson Street, Edinburgh

