



York DramaSoc

## Intricate Rituals

A monologue about queer longing, catholic guilt, bugs and necromancy.

*"Fuck. I opened the door and all I could think was Fuck.*

*Fuck, I am so in love with them."*

Siken is your average gay university student – witty, questionably dressed, hopelessly in love with their straight best friend. They don't talk about that last bit. But when callous, senseless tragedy unexpectedly strikes their life, as callous, senseless tragedy has a tendency to do, Siken is forced to confront themselves as grief turns them down a darker and increasingly unnatural path.

Written and directed by **Seth Douglas**, a recent English Literature graduate from the University of York, *Intricate Rituals* first premiered earlier this year as an online show and is now making its in-person debut at the Edinburgh Fringe, with a six-show run alternating between a dual cast. Deftly moving from comedy to tragedy, this monologue explores grief, unrequited love and the lasting effects of a closeted adolescence – and throws some interesting facts about bugs in there for good measure.

Established in 1963, **York DramaSoc** is one of the oldest and most well-established societies at the University of York and pride themselves on their promotion of new writing, having been mainstays at the Edinburgh Fringe for several years now. Boasting alumni including critically acclaimed author **Anthony Horowitz** (*Alex Rider, The Power of Five*) and highly celebrated contemporary playwrights **Nick Payne** (*Constellations, A Life*) and **Simon Stephens** (*The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time, Seawall*), **York DramaSoc** have proven themselves as a company to watch for up-and-coming literary and theatrical talent.

### Listings information

Venue: **theSpace Triplex Venue 38**  
 Dates: 23 - 28 August 2021  
 Time: 19:30 (0hr50)  
 Ticket prices: £7.00 / concessions £5.00 / students £4.00  
 Fringe box office: 0131 226 0000 / [www.edfringe.com](http://www.edfringe.com)  
 Recommended 16+

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