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Edinburgh Fringe inspires television comedy drama

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- **American comedian Ellyn Daniels (/people/ellyn_daniels/) has written, directs and stars in *The Show* (/tv/the-show/)**
- **The six-part transatlantic series was inspired by Daniels' 2017 (/guide/year/2017/) Edinburgh Fringe hour**
- **The dark comedy, which is now seeking a broadcaster, also features James D'Arcy (/people/james_darcy/) and Nicholas Farrell (/people/nicholas_farrell/)**



American actress Ellyn Daniels (/people/ellyn_daniels/) has made a dark television comedy drama about performing at the Edinburgh Fringe. 

Filmed in the UK and US and completed over summer, *The Show* (</tv/the-show/>) stars Daniels, who also writes and directs, as sitcom actor Hayley Harris creating a one-woman stage show following the death of her mother in North Carolina.

Drawing from Daniels' experience of performing *Emotional Terrorism* (/fringe/2017/ellyn_daniels/), her soul-baring, one-woman show at the 2017 (</guide/year/2017/>) festival in Edinburgh, the six 30-minute episodes co-star James D'Arcy (/people/james_darcy/) (*Guest House Paradiso* (/film/guest_house_paradiso/), *Dunkirk*) and Nicholas Farrell (/people/nicholas_farrell/) (*Mindhorn* (</film/mindhorn/>), *Chariots Of Fire*).

"*The Show* (</tv/the-show/>) is a very personal project, born of the journey I went on writing and performing my Edinburgh show" said Daniels. "I couldn't have asked for better collaborators than Burn These Words (</pro/blackbook/companies/burn-these-words/>). They gave me invaluable data - based insights while encouraging me to remain true to my vision."



The Show (</tv/the-show/>) is the first project of new production company Burn These Words (</pro/blackbook/companies/burn-these-words/>), established by former advertising executive Will O'Connor (</people/will-oconnor/>).

The company, which has likened the comedy drama to *Fleabag* (</online/fleabag/>), is now seeking a broadcaster to pick the series up.

O'Connell has made a brilliant modern comedy that we can't wait for people to see - it's the perfect combination of these words (</pro/blackbook/companies/burn-these-words/>). We have secured a great line up of TV and film content to be announced over the coming months. We want to reach consumers where they are, and I will be bringing techniques and expertise from my time in video games to work with broadcasters in a whole new, very exciting way."

A former ballerina and model before she became an actor and comedian, who lived and performed in London until recently, Daniel's account of her life in *Emotional Terrorism* (/fringe/2017/ellyn_daniels/) was often disturbing and featured alcoholism, mental health struggles and sexual exploitation in Hollywood.

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