



# DIVORCEE CONFESSES IN WORLD PREMIERE AT EDINBURGH FESTIVAL FRINGE

**A THIRTY something divorcee lays herself bare in a new one-woman play based on her own experiences. Melanie Sherwood presents the World Premiere of Confessions & Obsessions of a Thirty Something Divorcee at this year's Edinburgh Festival Fringe in August.**

The funny and poignant play is seen through the eyes of Xara Fox as she prepares to attend the wedding of an ex-boyfriend. The character reflects on her life and the choices she's made and during her physical transformation from 'hungover' to 'hot' she reveals the turmoil and confusion between who she really is and the face she presents to the world. Exploring themes such as relationships, divorce, ageing, vanity, children and the deafening tick-tock of her biological clock, we follow her on a journey of self-discovery and ultimately self-acceptance.

The writer made the difficult decision to end her own marriage four years ago and still battles with the idea of being a failure and the stigma of being a 'divorcee'. After losing the essence of herself within her marriage, she compiled an intimate journal of her thoughts and feelings to help her cope with the break-up. In the process, she rediscovered herself and her passion for theatre. These personal diary entries ultimately became the inspiration for her revealing new play.

An Australian, now based in Edinburgh, Melanie has made several television appearances most notably in Aussie soap Neighbours where she worked alongside Alan Fletcher (Karl Kennedy) and Anne Charleston (Madge Bishop). Equally at home on the stage, she has performed various leading roles in plays and musicals and most recently appeared as Florinda in Into The Woods. Other characters include the title role in Laura, the Crazy Girl in Yerma, and Ado Annie in Oklahoma. She has also performed in her own 60s tribute show throughout Australia and in Bali Indonesia where a guitar with her signature is displayed in the Hard Rock Hotel Resort.

Confessions & Obsessions of a Thirty Something Divorcee is for anyone who has ever questioned their life path and the choices they have made.

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Confessions & Obsessions of a Thirty Something Divorcee  
4-25 August (not 11 or 18) @ 1.15pm | £8 (£6)  
Preview 3 August @ 3pm | £5  
The Vault (Venue 29), 11 Merchant Street, Edinburgh EH1 2QD  
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