

# Sam Cochrane

Writer / Performer



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Sam Cochrane is a multi-award-winning writer who previously developed a semi-autobiographical comedy drama series with BBC & Can Can Productions called Reel Life. Currently, he has a comedy drama series in development with Argo Films called Ballistic, and is writing two other series for TV: a drama called Get Well Soon and a comedy drama called Crackers.

Sam is the Artistic Director of Gigglemug Theatre. He wrote, directed and performed in all of their Edinburgh Fringe hits: Timpson: The Musical, which won The Stage Award, the critically-acclaimed RuneSical, and most recently A Jaffa Cake Musical, which sold out its entire run and gained over 50 four & five star reviews. He also wrote and directed Scouts! The Musical which received a WhatsOnStage Award Nomination for Best Off-West End Production. Sam is one half of The Bean Spillers: The Improvised Musical which regularly performs with members of Showstopper!, Mischief Theatre & Austentatious.

Sam has also created several comedy podcasts including Archergeddon!, an apocalyptic parody of The Archers starring Mel Giedroyc, and Go Home, You're Drunk!, an award-winning series featuring comedians from Taskmaster, Live at the Apollo, Have I Got News For You & QI.

Sam studied History at the University of Warwick and screenwriting at the National Film and Television School.

## IN DEVELOPMENT

### BALLISTIC

(writer)

TV series. Argo Films.

## THEATRE

### A JAFFA CAKE MUSICAL

(writer/producer/performer – KEVIN)

Selected for the MTFest 2024. Produced at Pleasance Courtyard, The Edinburgh Fringe 2024 & 2025.

\*WINNER Fringe Theatre Award 2025

\*Featured in The Guardian's top 12 shows for families

\*Featured in The Times' best shows to see

\*Featured in The Stage's best theatre shows to see

\*Featured in WhatsOnStage's pick of musicals to see

\*Weird and wonderful – THE SUN

\*Phenomenal – THE PHOENIX REMIX \*\*\*\*\*

\*Really silly and great fun – BROADWAY WORLD \*\*\*\*\*

\*A Jaffa Cake Musical is a hit! – THEATRE & TONIC \*\*\*\*\*

\*A superbly polished and entertaining musical – THE STUDENT \*\*\*\*\*

\*A hysterically funny hour of whimsy – THE WEE REVIEW \*\*\*\*\*

\*Pure delight – THREEWEEKS \*\*\*\*\*

\*Wildly funny and hugely entertaining – THEATRE WEEKLY \*\*\*\*\*

\*A spectacularly fun musical – NORTH WEST END \*\*\*\*\*

\*Pure ridiculous bliss – LONDON THEATRE DOC \*\*\*\*\*

\*This show is ready for the West End – FRINGESIDER \*\*\*\*\*

\*A force to be reckoned with on the musical comedy scene – THE STAGE \*\*\*\*\*

\*A brilliant family-friendly musical – THE NATIONAL \*\*\*\*\*

### SCOUTS! THE MUSICAL

(writer/director/producer)

Selected for BEAM2021. Produced at The Other Palace, London 2023 & on tour in 2025, including at The Hope Mill Theatre, Manchester & The Egg Theatre, Bath.

\*WINNER The Standing Ovation Award 2025

- \*NOMINATED WhatsOnStage Award for Best Off-West End Production 2024
- \*NOMINATED Offies Best Performance Ensemble 2023
- \*NOMINATED Four Fringe Theatre Awards 2025
- \*An utter masterpiece in entertainment – BOX OFFICE RADIO \*\*\*\*\*
- \*A comedic triumph – WEST END EVENINGS \*\*\*\*\*
- \*Truly delightful – A YOUNG(ISH) PERSPECTIVE \*\*\*\*\*
- \*A magnificent family musical for all ages – NORTH WEST END \*\*\*\*\*
- \*A gem of a show – FAIRY POWERED PRODUCTIONS \*\*\*\*\*
- \*A wholesome musical that will leave you wanting to buy the CD – SHORT THEATRE REVIEWS \*\*\*\*\*
- \*Heartfelt, silly and sweet – BROADWAY WORLD \*\*\*\*\*
- \*Utterly joyous and incredibly witty – ALL THAT DAZZLES \*\*\*\*\*
- \*Extraordinary – BROADWAY BABY \*\*\*\*\*
- \*Scouts! The Musical is truly something special – FIRST NIGHT MAGAZINE \*\*\*\*\*

## **TIMPSON: THE MUSICAL**

*(writer/director/producer/performer – MAN 1)*

Produced at The Edinburgh Fringe 2018 and on tour in 2019 including at The King's Head, London.

- \*WINNER The Stage Edinburgh Award 2018
- \*NOMINATED BroadwayWorld Best Musical Award 2018
- \*Featured in The Guardian's list of best shows at the Edinburgh Festival
- \*Bonkers but brilliant! – THE BBC
- \*For laugh-a-minute silliness, this Gigglemug Theatre production is hard to beat – DAILY EXPRESS
- \*Blistering wit – THEATRE WEEKLY \*\*\*\*\*
- \*Fun, clever and simply brilliant – NORTH WEST END \*\*\*\*\*
- \*The dawn of a new music-focused comedy collective – THE STAGE \*\*\*\*\*
- \*Constant madcap fun – THE REVIEWS HUB \*\*\*\*\*
- \*Spectacular – YOUNG PERSPECTIVE \*\*\*\*\*
- \*Prepare to laugh until you ache – LONDON PUB THEATRES \*\*\*\*\*
- \*Charming, witty, and bonkers – INDEPENDENT \*\*\*\*\*
- \*Timpson: The Musical had me throatily guffawing from minute one – LONDON CITY NIGHTS \*\*\*\*\*

## **RUNESICAL**

*(writer/director/producer/performer – THE WISE OLD MAN)*

Produced at The Gilded Balloon, The Edinburgh Fringe 2022.

- \*NOMINATED The Standing Ovation Award 2023
- \*Featured in WhatsOnStage's list of the top musicals to see
- \*Featured in The Stage's pick of the Fringe
- \*A delight from start to finish – LONDONTHEATRE1 \*\*\*\*\*
- \*Simply fantastic – FRINGEBISCUIT \*\*\*\*\*
- \*Witty, smart and just downright brilliant – STAGE TO PAGE \*\*\*\*\*
- \*A nostalgic, hilarious show – BEYOND THE CURTAIN \*\*\*\*\*
- \*Absolute bangers – THE STAGE \*\*\*\*\*
- \*Laugh out loud funny – MUSICAL THEATRE REVIEW \*\*\*\*\*
- \*Masters of comedy musical theatre – THEATRE WEEKLY \*\*\*\*\*
- \*RuneSical is a 'level up' from standard musicals – ADVENTURES IN THEATRELAND \*\*\*\*\*
- \*Gigglemug are fast becoming the tops in seriously silly musicals – LOUREVIEWS \*\*\*\*\*
- \*Gigglemug Theatre has triumphed with this show... Now I'm off to watch it again – THESE THEATRE THOUGHTS \*\*\*\*\*