

Debs Gatenby – A Place Called Happiness

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Debs Gatenby, A Place Called Happiness Spring Tour 2017

Debs spent a year thinking about happiness. It brought her down. 'A Place Called Happiness' was a year in the making and is Debs' response to society's seeming obsession with happiness. Debs began an experiment to discover the secrets of 'How to be Happy' and found herself drowning in a sea of self-help – and it wasn't helping.

She needed to drag herself off the sofa of apathy so started to say yes to things, anything, to get her out into the world – dots on the globe, unknown and unsystematic choices. The situations she found herself in challenged her thoughts on happiness and ultimately gave her hope.

'A Place Called Happiness' is an honest and real, funny and engaging show filled with stories and secrets shared, as Debs takes you on her journey off the sofa into the world in the pursuit of something called happiness.

Debs Gatenby is a comedian, writer, performer and actress.

Over last 20 years, Debs performed for Queer Up North, Festival No. 6, Glasgay, Manchester Laughing Cows Comedy Festival and was the first performer on stage at the legendary DUCKIE at the Royal Vauxhall Tavern.

In 2013, Debs wrote and toured her critically acclaimed debut solo show 'Hi, Anxiety' funded by the Arts Council England and supported by Contact Manchester, Slung Low Leeds and The Albany London. Debs also shares her work at conferences and colleges. More recently she has performed at Hull UK City of Culture 2017 and toured her work internationally to New York and the Afterglow Festival in Provincetown Cape Cod MA supported by the British Council.

"Debs Gatenby pulls of the difficult trick of reducing you to tears of both hilarity and sadness" - **Time Out**

'DELIGHTFUL STORYTELLING... FABULOUS PHYSICAL PERFORMER' ★★★★★ **Canal St Online**

'Debs Gatenby is a genius and one of the most hilarious tragedies I've ever laughed at. Go see her show. I did and I've got the tear stains to prove it!' - **Justin Vivian Bond**

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A Place Called Happiness Spring Tour Dates 2017

Wednesday 18 January

University of Central Lancashire 3pm

UCLAN, Media Factory, Preston, Lancashire PR1 2HE

www.uclan.ac.uk | 01772 89 5355

Thu 26 - Sat 28 January

PUSH Festival HOME 7pm & 9pm

2 Tony Wilson Place, Manchester M15 4FN

www.homemcr.org | 0161 200 1500

Friday 17 February

The Civic 7.30pm

Hanson St, Barnsley S70 2HZ

<http://www.barnsleycivic.co.uk> | 01226 327000

Saturday 18 February

Harrogate Theatre 7.45pm

6 Oxford St Harrogate HG1 1BX

www.harrogatetheatre.co.uk | 01423 502 116

Thursday 23 February

The Marlborough Theatre 7.30pm

4 Princes Street, Brighton BN2 1RD

www.marlboroughtheatre.org.uk | 01273 570028

Tuesday 28 February

The Albany 7.30pm

Douglas Way London SE8 4AG

www.thealbany.org.uk | 020 8692 4446

Friday 10 March

Cast 7.45pm

Waterdale Doncaster DN1 3BU

www.castindoncaster.com | 01302 303959

Monday 20 March

St Helens Central Library, 7pm

Victoria Square, Saint Helens WA10 1HP

www.sthelens.gov.uk | 01744 676954

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Thursday 30 March

The Trades Club 7.30pm

Holme St, Hebden Bridge HX7 8EE

www.thetradesclub.com | 01422 845265

Wednesday 12 April

University of Sheffield 7.30pm

Drama Studio, Shearwood Rd, Sheffield S10 2TD

www.sheffield.ac.uk | 0114 222 0200

Sunday 28 May

Slung Low HUB 5pm

67-71 Bath Road, Holbeck Leeds LS11 9UA

www.slunglow.org