

# MACE AND BURTON



Have you ever watched a romantic comedy and wondered "Could that actually happen in real life?" Lizzy Mace and Juliette Burton have. And what's more, they decided to find out!

Join them in their award-winning 5-star show **ROM COM CON**, as they try talking to coma patients (*While You Were Sleeping*), standing on street corners (*Pretty Woman*) and going on dates with guys whose paddling pools they used to play in (*Bridget Jones's Diary*) - all in an attempt to find The One.

Do the rom coms hold the key to finding true love? Or are they all just one big con?

One of the breakthrough shows from the Edinburgh Fringe 2011 and 2012, Rom Com Con has its Australian premiere at the Adelaide Fringe 2014!

- Winners of an **Argus Angel Award** for Excellence and 'Top Nominees' for **Best Comedy** at The Latest Festival Awards, Brighton Fringe 2012.
- Named in *Chortle.co.uk's* **TOP 10 real-life stories** and *The List* magazine's **TOP 5 free shows** at Edinburgh Fringe 2012.
- **Ranked #4 on EdTwinge.com** out of all 2600+ shows at Edinburgh Fringe 2012 according to the overall positivity of Tweets in which they are mentioned.
- **5- and 4-star reviews** from *Three Weeks*, *The Skinny*, *Fringe Guide* and *Blastocyst.com*; mentions in *The Stage*, *The Independent*, and Australian comedy website *Squirrel Comedy*.
- Appeal to a **wide demographic**; regularly **sold-out shows**. Men and women, from pre-teens to septuagenarians, even a stag party of 12 lads loved it. Unanimously **positive reactions** from audience members saying that they'd been given **hope, confidence and felt uplifted**.
- Strong **press and industry interest**. Mace and Burton have been interviewed for podcast and radio shows, featured in *Fest* magazine, *The Skinny* and *BehindtheFringe.com* and performed an extract of Rom Com Con on **BBC Radio Scotland's MacAulay and Co** in Edinburgh 2012.
- Mace and Burton are working on a feature-length **screenplay** of Rom Com Con with an established film producer; interest from festival organisers, tour managers and TV producers.

## Rom Com Con at the Adelaide Fringe 2014

Sun-Weds 6pm | 17 Feb – 16 Mar (not 24 Feb or 10 Mar) | The Bakehouse Theatre, 255 Angas St, Adelaide 5000

Adult: **\$23**; BankSA Customer/ Fringe Benefit Member/ Group/ Concession: **\$20**; Cheap Tuesdays: **\$17**  
Rom Com Con is a **BankSA Support Act**; a limited number of **\$10** tickets are available for opening night.

Buy tickets online at: <http://www.adelaidefringe.com.au/fringetix>

## Company History

Lizzy Mace and Juliette Burton met as actor-members of the Cambridge scriptwriting forum, WRiTEON! They began writing together at a stand-up comedy workshop in 2010. Lizzy's solo show *Crush* was well-received by reviewers and audiences at the Edinburgh Fringe 2010: "a charming presentation into the nature of romantic crushes ... one of the more fruitful hours spent in the smaller rooms of the Free Fringe" (*Chortle.co.uk*). Since discovering a shared love of all-things-confused, and a shared confusion of all-things-love, a light-hearted romp through the rom coms was the natural choice for their first offering as a double-act. Rom Com Con had huge success at Edinburgh Fringe 2011 and 2012, at Brighton Fringe 2012 and 2013, and on a tour of the UK. Mace and Burton look forward to performing in Adelaide, the first time the show will be presented outside the UK!

## Solo Shows

Mace and Burton are both bringing their new solo shows to Adelaide alongside Rom Com Con.

**Juliette Burton: When I Grow Up** | Thurs-Sat 6.30pm, Sun 2pm | 14 Feb – 16 Mar

In this true-life docu-comedy, Juliette realises her childhood ambitions. Artist, farmer, ballerina, baker, princess, pop star, cartoon, Muppet; she's living the dream...every dream she ever had!

For full details including venue, price and schools info, see [www.julietteburton.co.uk/shows/whenigrowup](http://www.julietteburton.co.uk/shows/whenigrowup)

**Lizzy Mace: Overlooked: A Roll-Call of the Small** | 8.45pm | 2 Mar – 16 Mar (not 10 Mar)

Fresh from training in improvisation and sketch comedy at the legendary Second City, Chicago, award-winning UK writer-performer Lizzy Mace presents a series of endearingly awkward characters.

For full details including venue and price, see [www.lizzymace.co.uk/shows/overlooked](http://www.lizzymace.co.uk/shows/overlooked)

## BankSA Support Acts

All three of Mace and Burton's shows have been selected to be part of the **BankSA Support Act** scheme, which supports emerging artists and encourages audiences to see something new.

For information on **Rom Com Con at the Adelaide Fringe 2014** contact:

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### WHAT THE REVIEWS SAY:

"Darling of the stand-up documentary Dave Gorman is preparing for another crowd-pulling show; but across the street in a dark basement, Lizzy Mace and Juliette Burton have perfected his art. ... Full of laughs and with the odd tear-jerking moment thrown in for good measure ... perfect for anyone who's ever despaired of finding love."

★★★★ *Three Weeks*

"Sweet and funny ... the feel-good hit of the summer, guaranteed to make you smile"

★★★★ *The Skinny*

"An engaging hour of storytelling... funny, poignant and heartwarming... this is one of the most organised and slick performances I've seen in a free show and it's definitely the best free performance I've seen this year... a great show that has lots of potential and could easily be transferred to TV."

★★★★ *Fringe Guide*

"A brave and successful crusade to find out how true to life Hollywood romance really is... If Richard Curtis made a film of this, he wouldn't even have to alter a word of script."

★★★★★ *Blastocyst.org.uk*

### WHAT THE TWEETS SAY:

**Doug Segal, performer:** Go see Rom Com Con. Genius idea. All true. Ace... Mace and Burton are frankly adorable. I guarantee you'll love it.

**Bernard O'Leary, reviewer:** Rom Com Con is just adorable. Wouldn't bet against passing TV execs being very interested.

**Fred MacAulay, comedian:** Great show.

**Paco Erhard, comedian:** Just wonderful and heartwarming. Go see it!

**Keith Large, writer:** Fantastic show from both of them: a must see. A full house and so funny.

**Dai Lowe, poet:** Great show from Mace and Burton on a subject dearest to my heart ~ lurve ~ funny and highly recommended.

**Abie Philbin Bowman, comedian:** Really enjoyed Rom Com Con - touching, funny, unusual look at the dating game.

**Hannah:** Enjoyed Rom Com Con. Funny and charming for cynics and optimists!

**Claire Walker:** You guys were awesome. What a great and hilarious concept! Well done :-)

**Moray Teale:** Heartwarming, funny and charming. Laughter, tears and a few important life lessons to boot. Fabulous

**Katy Helps:** Do go and see @MaceAndBurton if you are at #edfringe. Witty and poignant observations on love.

**Ed Broughton:** "Rom Com Con" Go see this show – so very funny, touching, and free to boot!"

**John Cartman:** If you are at edfringe you'd be a fool to miss @MaceAndBurton and their extremely endearing and excellent show #romcomcon always a highlight

**Michael Gentry:** If in Edinburgh then you MUST go + see RomComCon. If it can twinge my heart strings it definitely will yours

**Joni Walker:** Go see #romcomcon at the free fringe, @maceandburton are funny, warm and welcome you in like friends you'd love to get to know better!

**Ross Angus:** Great show from @MaceAndBurton, gave me a bit of perspective on the world of dating and love!

**Huw Tindall-Jones:** best show I've seen at the Free Fringe, given me hope of finding my dream man! Thank you girls!

**James Huelin:** Took a punt on @MaceAndBurton and their #RomComCon show at #EdFringe ... Prepare to let yourself be surprised and impressed! Very funny!

**Alex Morgan:** Best thing I've seen #edfringe this year!

**Eskimo Lee:** Just saw @MaceAndBurton and what an absolutely brilliant show. Haven't laughed so hard in a while. will certainly be looking out for you in the future.

**Nicola Rushby:** RomComCon was fantastic – something every girl should see! Keep up the good work – I'll be watching out for more shows!

**Lee Adam Porteous:** Keep up the great work. Awesome today. Definitely keeping an eye out for you

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