

Comedy/Theatre/Spoken Word.  
Running Time: 55 min.  
Age 16+



# KEVIN

## King of Egypt

Written & performed by Rob Gee

Directed by Tara Gatherer

### Insanity, robbery, kidnap... otherwise everything's normal

Escaped psychiatric patient Kevin Haggerty is not pleased about his diagnosis, even less pleased about being on a section of the Mental Health Act and distinctly upset about being told he is not the reincarnation of the pharaoh Ramses II. On his way to Egypt, via the Tesco Express, he stumbles across the nemesis to all his plans: Millie - a lost but exuberant six year old. Together they embark on a journey that will change both their lives forever.

Kevin, King of Egypt is the new show from comic, poet and psychiatric nurse Rob Gee. Rob spent twelve years working as a registered psychiatric nurse around the UK and Australia before becoming a full-time writer and performer. Working mainly in acute psychiatry, he has also worked in child and adolescent units, drug and alcohol services, eating disorders, early psychosis intervention and psychiatric intensive care.

As a stand up poet, Rob has worked with Harold Pinter, Sue Townsend, Jo Brand and Sarah Millican. He regularly appears on BBC Radio, and is lead artist for BrightSparks Comedy Asylum - comedy shows created and performed by people labelled as having "severe and enduring" mental health problems. He also leads comedy workshops on psychiatric wards and is patron of Leicestershire Action for Mental Health Project (LAMP). For a full biography go to <https://www.robgee.co.uk>.

Kevin, King of Egypt, the second in a trilogy of shows about mental health, premiered at across the Canadian Fringe circuit last year, where sold out across the country and won several awards.

★★★★★ "A mind-roasting bipolar joyride... not to be missed" **Victoria Times**; ★★★★★ "Uproarious... hilarious... liberating!" **London Pub Theatres**; ★★★★★ "An hour-long lesson in empathy" **CBC, Canada**

Kevin, the show's central character, has a diagnosis of bipolar illness. Rob explains: "I first developed the character many years ago, when I used to play someone with mania for medical students' exams. There's a lot of myths about this condition. I've heard people describe themselves as 'bipolar' simply because their mood has ups and downs. That's not bipolar illness. That's being human."

"When I first wrote the show I ran it past several ex-patients, people that I used to nurse. I couldn't have done it without them. It was good to catch up and reminisce about old times!"

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**Notes to Editors: For further information, images and interviews go to <http://bit.ly/28PVUJf>, or contact Rob Gee, phone 07980 996258, Twitter @robgeepoetry, email [rob@robgee.co.uk](mailto:rob@robgee.co.uk).**