

Show synopsis: *Paco Erhard: Worst. German. Ever.*

Delivered in what South Australia's largest paper* has called "an hour of solid, laugh-out-loud (sometimes offensive) stand-up", *Paco Erhard: Worst. German. Ever.* has German comedian Paco Erhard mixing his trademark political satire with deeply personal experiences from the last two years.

Erhard finds parallels, counterpoints, and a baffling amount of cathartic belly laughs in his dad's slide into dementia, America's society drifting apart, his long-distance relationship between Berlin and Edmonton getting destroyed by the pandemic, encounters with far-right anti-maskers in Calgary, and many other light-hearted, fun things. Yes, this is a comedy show.

Veteran Edinburgh Fringe publication *Three Weeks* has called Paco Erhard "a mixture of Jim Jefferies and Bill Hicks" and it is this direction of smart, irreverent, and honest comedy Erhard follows, made unique by his German perspective and his cross-cultural *nous*.

Guns, Jesus, abortion, the fear of getting older, his hilariously dumb business ideas during the pandemic, what a German Breaking Bad would look like, his travels in the Sahara, a racist posh old British lady, the gendering of donuts, homophobia in Hungary, his anxious navigation of being flirty and not creepy, and many other quirky thoughts work together to create a show that is as funny as it is thoughtful and as gleefully mischievous as it is from the heart. And it will have a bit of an arc and definitely a message. Probably.

It's stand-up. No 300 to 500 words should ever be written about stand-up!

It will be energetic, intense, sometimes genuinely sad, very often very funny, mischievous, intelligently stupid, happily hypocritical, outspoken, ephemeral, breathless, magical, and then it will be over and gone forever. Ephemeral. You won't remember at all what exactly happened. But you will feel cleansed and you will feel sane again. It's stand-up.

And if the Winnipeg Free Press is to be believed, it "will have you laughing so hard, you'll cough up blood". Hard to tell if that is good or very bad.

It's a German stand-up comedian doing comedy about the world.

You will laugh. If you want. Zis is not an order!

* *The Advertiser*

(It sucks to get great quotes from a paper with such a dubious name! It's actually a big, reputable paper! Well, it's a Murdoch paper, so yes it does suck. But they have a great taste in comedy. Honest!)