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#DANISH Presents

[\*Late Night Lehrer - With Caspar Phillipson\*](#)

1<sup>st</sup>- 9<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> Aug, Greenside, George Street, Lime Studio @20:45, 60 min, From £7, 14+

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***English Language Fringe Premiere For Dashing Danish Bletherer, Late Night Lehrer***

Dashing Dane **Caspar Phillipson**, invites you to join him for a naughty Copenhagen cocktail of absurd current affairs, profound insights into the thrilling life of a middle-aged married man, and **Tom Lehrer** classics in **Late Night Lehrer**. Edinburgh Fringe 2025 will see the premiere of the English language version of the show, which has been playing in Copenhagen, as well as touring Denmark, for the past five years.

**Phillipson** is your late-night host at the piano, taking a sharp look at international current affairs and life's absurdities like a dapper Danish Stephen Colbert by way of James Bond's drinks cabinet. Tying the show together with a string of shockingly timely songs by sardonic Sixties music legend Tom Lehrer, this is a morbid yet dazzlingly entertaining evening of satire and music. As Caspar's Danish grandma used to say: *'When you're up to your neck in shit - it's no use hanging your head'*.

**Late Night Lehrer** creator and host **Caspar Phillipson** says:

*"It has been quite a shock to discover just how much the songs of Tom Lehrer resonate again, in this time and day. I started rehearsing and performing one song at a time as a way of directing my artistic energies, at first during covid and then pretty much since.*

*"And each song has emerged as a biting dark and often deliriously hilarious comment to issues we grapple with today - the conflict in Ukraine, a volatile US leadership, discussions of gender and skin*

colour, the age of retirement, a new Pope etc. People feared for the future when these songs were written during the Cold War - and people's fears for the future are clear and present today.

"We need these songs more than ever - let laughter and musicality bring us together, there is hope."

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#### **Credits**

**Created and Performed By:** Caspar Phillipson

**Generously Supported By:** Dansk Solistforbund & The Birger Christensens Fund

### LISTINGS INFORMATION

#### [Late Night Lehrer - With Caspar Phillipson](#)

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**Time:** 20:45

**Duration:** 60 min

**Ticket Price:** From £7

**Age Guidance:** 14+

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### NOTES TO EDITORS

[Caspar Phillipson](#) has played President Kennedy in five different international movie productions and has toured the world as Hamlet in *The Tiger Lillies perform Hamlet*. Played Archibald Craven in the Edinburgh Festival Theatre's production of *The Secret Garden* in December 2010.

**#DANISH** is the Danish showcase at Edinburgh Fringe 2025 presented in a collaboration by founding producer WILDTOPIA and *The Embassy of Denmark* in the UK – supported by *The Danish Ministry of Culture and Foreign Affairs*.

**WILDTOPIA** is a creative production and promotion company with a mission to connect art and human beings – unfolding the values in international meetings and collaborations. Since 2020 WILDTOPIA has been producing the #DANISH showcase at EdFringe. In 2018 the company initiated the first Nordic collaboration at EdFringe. In 2021 the company founded the digital first festival RE:LOCATIONS as a response to a world where old ways of working internationally weren't possible and needed to change. WILDTOPIA is committed to continued exploration of working more sustainably across borders.

#### **About Tom Lehrer**

It's not often you get to use the word polymath and mean it in the fullest sense of the word. Now a spry 97, Lehrer is perhaps most famous for his iconic songs *Poisoning Pigeons In The Park* and *The Elements*, where he set the elements in the Periodic Table to the tune of *I Am the Very Model of a Modern Major-General* from Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Pirates of Penzance*. Not only is he a noted singer, song writer, satirist and human rights advocate, he also teaches mathematics and musical theatre.



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