

I WAS NEVER HERE. THERE IS NO SPY SHOW.

PRAISE FOR
HELP ME!!!!



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Leo Lion, an NYC game-theatre artist known for interactive/immersive experiences, returns to Edinburgh Fringe with the world premiere of **I WAS NEVER HERE (THERE IS NO SPY SHOW)**. In a fusion of absurd clown and escape room, audiences must race against the clock to help a blundering sleeper agent recover his lost memories and save the world. An hour of retro thriller meets looney toons meets ASMR, jam-packed with bizarre and frenetic crowdwork, as an audience of initiate spies cracks codes, defuses doomsday devices, and tries to follow one simple rule: *Don't talk about spy show.*

Lion's second EdFringe outing follows the 2025 hit run of **HELP ME!!!! (AN INTERACTIVE MIME SEANCE)**, which earned rave reviews and went on to tour to 10+ US festivals and stages in NYC, Chicago, San Francisco, Seattle, & more.

Praise for "HELP ME!!!!" (2025)

★★★★★ BingeFringe Magazine

"A remarkably nimble and emotional performance... Interactive, hilarious, and touching, this hidden gem of Fringe theatre is an existential must-see, must-do theatrical experience."

★★★★ The Scotsman

"It's perhaps what it might feel like to be trapped in an escape room with an excellent mime performer... It's clever stuff, and he's very funny in his spontaneous interactions."

BEST THEATRE Nominee - The Spooky Awards

AUDIENCES SAY: "Instantly gripping" "An unforgettable night out" "Life-affirming"

Lion and his company Firebird are known for interactive, immersive, genre-bending works like *Liar's Night*, *Scandalton*, *Insomnia*, *KafkaTech*, *HELP ME!!!!*, and more. This show is created with Matthew Schott, creator of *Saga of the Shining Emblem* and *A Thousand Rainy Mornings*. For more information, visit iwasneverhere.show.

Creative Team & Company

Creator/Performer: Leo Lion
Created with: Matthew Schott
Assoc. Production Designer: Sofe Cote
Consulting Artist (Movement): Izzy Pflanz
Production Videography: Anna Rishik
Produced by The Firebird Project
NYC, 2026

Listings Information

Venue: theSpace @ Niddry Street Studio
Dates: AUG 7-25 (No Show Aug 16)
Time: 22:20 (0hr55)
Prices: £8.00 / concessions £6.00 /
Box Office: 0131 226 0000 / edfringe.com
Suitable for: All Ages
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