



RISE at EDINBURGH FRINGE

22 - 26 August 13:55 (0hr50)

theSpace @ Surgeons' Hall, Stephenson Theatre

Cast & Crew:

Performer/Playwright - [Diana Varco](#)

Director - [Meridith Grundeil](#)

Producer - [Jessica Lynn Johnson](#)

Technical Operator - theSpaceUK team

A Note from the Playwright:

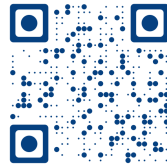
Thank you so much for joining me for this special performance of *Rise*!

Writing of *Rise* began many moons ago in 2020, during the COVID-19 lockdown. I picked up a journal to write and haven't stopped since! After Edinburgh Fringe, this version of *Rise* will be deconstructed and expanded into a series of new works.

I very much appreciate you stepping into this story with me. Thank you!

A big thank you to theSpaceUK staff and Edinburgh Fringe for hosting *Rise* at Edinburgh Fringe.

Special shout-out to my funding backers on Kickstarter and GoFundMe that have supported my journey with my first solo show *Shattered* and now *Rise*. You can learn more about the project by scanning this QR code:



Many themes surface in *Rise* - denial, abandonment, judgment, creativity, purpose, silence, retribution, hope, - but it's also a story about opportunity. An opportunity to finally find freedom, by allowing the buried parts of the past to speak.

We all experience pain, heartbreak, tragedy and loss; but, I'm learning, it's what we do with it that determines how we *Rise*.

Bios:

Diana Varco (Writer/Performer) - For information about Diana, visit: <https://www.dianavarco.com/>

Meridith Grundeil (Director) - For information about Meridith, visit: <https://www.grundeicoaching.com/>

Jessica Lynn Johnson (Producer) - For information about Jessica, visit: www.JessicaLynnJohnson.com

SHATTERED LISTINGS INFORMATION (digital)

C ARTS | C venues | C digital online year-round

Bookings and information - www.cthearts.com

Direct booking link: <https://res.cthearts.com/event/34:3452/34:59423/>

Available on-demand (1hr00) Theatre (True-life, Satire, Comedy) (mature content)

**Content Warning:* Contains discussion of distressing themes, including but not limited to: child abuse, sexual assault, suicidal ideation, alcohol use, strong language
16+ age recommendation

Resources, Performance dedications, & ways to take action:



22nd August - Arts Awareness - Ukraine Fringe

The fighting continues in Ukraine but ProEnglish Theatre and WEST Association of English Speaking Theatres are uniting theatre makers around the world - Ukraine Fringe https://linktr.ee/ukraine_fringe

23th August - Domestic Violence Awareness - Scottish Women's Aid <https://womensaid.scot>

Scottish Women's Aid plays a vital role coordinating, influencing and campaigning effective responses to domestic abuse in Scotland. Phone: 0800 027 1234 | helpline@sdaafh.org.uk



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24th August - Foster Care Awareness - Comfort Cases UK



Bringing dignity and hope to children in foster care in the UK. No child should ever have to move their items in a bin bag. Please donate today at: <https://comfortcasesuk.org/>

25th August - Mental Health Awareness - See Me Scotland



See Me is Scotland's national programme to end mental health stigma and discrimination, enabling people who experience mental health problems to live fulfilled lives.

Visit the See Us pages and get all the tools and resources you need to take action. See Me | See Us Movement (seemescotland.org)

26th August: Sexual Assault Awareness - Edinburgh Rape Crisis Center

[Edinburgh Rape Crisis Centre](#) was established in 1978. Over the last 40 years ERCC has provided emotional and practical support, information and advocacy to thousands of survivors of sexual violence. As the demand on service increases, any contribution you can make will help to keep supporting survivors of sexual violence.

Visit: <https://www.erc.scot/>

Support ERCC's work ✓ Rape and sexual abuse changes lives – and so does ERCC. ✓ Donations go directly towards the costs of delivering all our support and information services. ✓ Become a Friend of ERCC today, to take a stand against gender based violence and pledge your support for survivors.

☆ Special thank you to: my Director, friends, family, supporters, *mom*, & team at theSpaceUK
Rise is not endorsed or affiliated with the organizations and resources listed.

