

THE ESCAPE PLAN - 90mins (45mins x2)

An evening of pure escape with stories, jokes and poems from writer, poet and TV and film producer Henry Normal. Featuring all your favourite poems from his BBC Radio 4 series and his seven poetry collections.

"Not heard anything that jumps from hilarious to moving in such an intelligent, subtle way as Henry Normal's show" - Radio Times

'the Alan Bennett of poetry' The Scotsman

'Dovetails bittersweet poetry with a sublimely observant wit' The Guardian

'A mixture of the absurd and downright wacky...a gentle giant of stand-up poetry' The List

'The poetry itself is stuff of proper substance, marrying the suburban beauty of Beatles ballads with the blunt candour of the kitchen sink' The Guardian

"The funniest man you've never heard of" The Telegraph

"Witty and uncannily accurate with his observations" - The Stage

"Distinctly funny" - Time Out "Shove up National Treasures. We need to make room for Henry Normal" Simon O'Hagan - Radio Times

Shorter BIOG (Medium length) feel free to edit

Henry Normal is a writer, poet and TV and Film producer and founder of the Manchester Poetry Festival (now the Literature festival) and co-founder of the Nottingham Poetry Festival.

In June 2017 he was honoured with a special BAFTA for services to Television.

He co-created and co-wrote the first series of The Royle Family. He also co-wrote the Mrs Merton Show , Paul and Pauline Calf Video Diaries, Coogan's Run, Tony Ferrino, Doctor Terrible and the film The Parole Officer.

Setting up Baby Cow Productions Ltd in 1999 Henry Executive Produced all, and script edited many of the shows of its seventeen and a half year output during his tenure as MD.

Since retiring from TV in April 2016 Henry has written and performed six BBC Radio 4 shows combining comedy, poetry and stories about bringing up his autistic son.

ADD ANY OF THESE FOLLOWING LINES IF OF INTEREST

His new book 'The Escape Plan' contains selected poems from Henry's previous seven collections from Flapjack Press.

Born in St Annes, Nottingham in 1956, Henry now lives in Brighton with his wife, the screenwriter Angela Pell, and their son, Johnny.

Henry performs poetry at Literature Festival's and theatres around the UK and regularly posts on the internet.

He was recently given a honorary doctorate of letters by both Nottingham University and Nottingham Trent University . He has also had a beer and a bus named after him in his home city.