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I will drive 500 miles... to save your Fringe

One Dad, 900 miles and Bertha the Bl**dy Massive Stage-box

Every Fringe virgin has big dreams of their first show. Rant & Rave Theatre Company's dream was to have a multi-purpose stage-box for their show: *Sexual Fears of a Modern Day Virgin*.

Bertha is 1 month old, made of $\frac{3}{4}$ ply, 120cm long, 85cm wide, 90cm high and weighs 40kg.

Bertha is a Bl**dy Massive Stage-box; too big for most couriers and too small for most freight transports. Stuck deep in Norwich, the heart of East Anglia, Bertha was too far out of the way for regular South-North transport.

Wednesday morning, the only courier Rant & Rave had managed to catch pulled out! Crisis mode set in. There was only one thing for it: when in trouble turn to your family. Lauren Kelly's Dad bravely took up the challenge to get in a van in Colchester, drive to Norwich, pick up the bl**dy massive stage-box, and drive all the way to Edinburgh! In a day! A box-building novice would rarely think to factor in the width of a normal doorway - so Bertha is too big for your average doorway! Being a substantial box Bertha needed wheels but even 'heavy duty' wheels couldn't handle the massive weight and all four blew after 10 minutes!

A story of seduction, secrets, and sex. "*Sexual Fears of a Modern Day Virgin*" will change the way you think about sex and virginity forever. With three distinct storylines which only cross incidentally, this play about interpersonal struggles and relationship conflicts is set to be an honest take on modern LGBT life. "*Sexual Fears of a Modern Day Virgin*" normalises LGBT relationships and presents universal issues which also relate to the lives of straight people.

Rant & Rave is an emerging theatre company. They are comprised of mostly current and former UEA students. Their singular desire is to get the nation talking about sex, gender, and sexuality by breaking down the barrier of British bashfulness.

Listings Information

Sexual Fears of a Modern Day Virgin

- 6th-20th of August (not on Sundays)
- Start Time: 15:00
- Running Time: 50 minutes
- Venue 236: Greenside @ Infirmary Street, Olive Studio EH1 1LT

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