



## Student Seeks Success in Comedy to Avoid 3 Hour University Graduation Ceremony

**Ruby Esther**

### **A Rube Awakening**

Ruby Esther is a 19 year old force to be reckoned with. Poet, comedian, and hoping not to be a University of Auckland student after the latter two take off, Ruby brings her debut solo hour to this year's New Zealand International Comedy Festival.

A graduate of 2016's Class Comedians program, Ruby went on to win 2017's Raw Competition and 2018's NZICF Best Debut with her split bill and first festival show. Although a relatively new and young face in the comedy scene, Ruby sets herself apart with an intelligently unique perspective on the world, which she explores through her music, poetry and overall awkward sense of self. This year's show promises nothing less and audiences can expect a show that touches on the childishy absurd but does not shy away from the dark. Her sweet and innocent appearance allows her to sweep the rug from under your feet with her sudden turn into her darker experiences with mental health, being a female comic and her general existentialism. Ruby takes topics audiences are surprised to find themselves laughing at, and leaves you with a delightful mix of joy and uncertainty.

Ruby has a visible passion for comedy on stage, and has done since she was plucked out of obscurity in the mission to find funny kids for the 2016 Class Comedians program. She brings her first hour to you because she knows comedy is the part time job she wants to make her career. Finding success on the side in her university study of English and Music, and in her becoming one of NZ's Top Slam Poets, Ruby's real heart lies in comedy and she cannot wait to share this show with you, as just a stepping stone of what's to come in her future.

*"Her content is intelligently crafted and confidently delivered." - Theatreview*

*"I can already see her making huge comedy waves over the next few years" - The Spinoff*

*"One the funniest and most naturally talented young comics in NZ." - Brendhan Lovegrove*

#### **Ruby Esther - A Rube Awakening Auckland**

Dates: Tue 21 – Sat 25 May, 8.45pm

Venue: Q Theatre, Cellar

Tickets: \$12 – \$18

Bookings: [qtheatre.co.nz](http://qtheatre.co.nz)

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**Performing as part of the 2019 NZ International Comedy Festival  
With Best Foods Mayo from 2 – 26 May.**

**For the full line-up of shows in the Festival head to [comedyfestival.co.nz](http://comedyfestival.co.nz)**