



## Gender Identity, Death, Toothbrushes – Ray Shipley Questions Everything

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### He & She

***“My favourite act of the night was Ray Shipley...Ray is fantastically understated, has amazing pacing, and tells a story so well that you forget you’re being set up for a brilliant punchline. I urge you to see this performer at your next convenience. Please.”*** – What’s Up Christchurch, NZ

***“Certainly the most original comedian I’ve seen in a long time.”*** – Brendhan Lovegrove, Comedian

Ray Shipley is asked ‘are you a boy or a girl?’ by kids at the library at least once a month. With that in mind, *He & She* was born – Ray’s debut solo comedy show exploring gender identity, relationships and social norms, all with tongue firmly in cheek. Loosely based on the advice of the 1958 Penguin Classic of the same name, *He & She* is an hour of anecdotal and observational comedy about living life in the grey areas between socially acceptable and not, polite conversation and existential crisis, and, as the title suggests, the grey area between he and she.

Ray Shipley (previously known as Sophie Rea) is a comedian and performance poet from Ōtautahi. Ray first attempted stand-up comedy only two years ago and since then has been awarded ‘highly commended’ at the national Raw Comedy Quest finals; Ray has firmly established a place as a key performer in the growing Christchurch comedy scene.

*He & She* promises to be bold, queer, awkward and hilarious – don’t miss out!

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#### **Ray Shipley – He & She**

##### **Auckland**

Dates: Tue 15 – Sat 19 May, 7.15pm

Venue: Cellar at Q Theatre, 305 Queen Street

Tickets: \$15 – \$20

Bookings: [qttheatre.co.nz](http://qttheatre.co.nz) // 09 309 9771

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with Best Foods Mayo from 26 April – 20 May.**

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