

The Ballad of Frank Allen – RIP IT UP MAGAZINE, March 4th 2016

Mayall Room, Tuxedo Cat

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Science meets romance in Shane Adamczak's latest Fringe comedy, *The Ballad of Frank Allen*. The story of how a hard-working janitor gets shrunk and ends up living in another guy's beard is hilarious, sweet, and bizarre all rolled into one.

The story itself is really well held together, and you find yourself actively wanting it to work out for everyone involved. During the action, there are short original songs, on-point delivery of laughs, and moments of pure genius in their physical comedy. It's clear that the performers love the show and working together, and are revelling in the silliness.

This is not a show to miss out on if you like your comedy a bit weird and your storylines smart. If someone gave Shane a TV show, I'd start watching the box again. It's what Australian comedy is supposed to be like. It's touching, clever, hilarious, and wraps up perfectly. Go and see an up-and-coming Australian comedic talent before he's selling out the big theatres.

(On a side note, if you do go and see *The Ballad of Frank Allen*, and you really should, take a small fan or something with you. The Tux Cat rooms can get sweltering in this heat, and no-one wants to sweat all over their seat)

Rating: 5 stars

Amy Sincock

Show continues until the 14th of March (excluding Wednesday), starting at 9:45pm.