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The world's first playable comedy show makes its Edinburgh debut

Karate Man – A Live-Action Video Game plays one night at Bedlam Theatre at 00:30 on Friday 14 August 2026.

Following award-winning runs in Australia and an international debut in London, *Karate Man – A Live-Action Video Game* arrives at the Edinburgh Fringe for one night only, as part of the *Bedlam Late* lineup.

Karate Man – A Live-Action Video Game is a chaotic choose-your-own-adventure where the audience literally plays the show like a video game.

The audience is given a Bluetooth gaming controller that, when used, triggers sound cues commanding the on-stage actor to PUNCH, JUMP, KICK etc.

Players take turns controlling Karate Man (co-director **Bruno Dubosarsky**) and work together to get their sweaty hero to a happy ending. They choose where Karate Man goes, what he does, who he meets... and face the consequences.

In 198X, Karate Man defeated the nefarious Ross Roundkick (co-director **Jacob Henegan**) and restored peace to Karatetown. Decades pass and Karatetown's champion must face his greatest challenge yet: ordinary life.

The show started as a sketch in Sydney, Australia in 2022, and has expanded to an internationally-touring alternative comedy darling. *Karate Man* is a full-length narrative, with over 20 optional characters brought to life by aussie comedians **Maddie Houlbrook-Walk**, **Alexander Richmond**, and **Alexandra Smith**.

Karate Man – A Live-Action Video Game plays the Bedlam Theatre at 00:30 Friday 14 August (Thursday night) for its one and only appearance this Edinburgh Fringe season.

TICKETS AND DETAILS

- Ticket link: edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/bedlam-late
- When: 00:30, Friday 14 August 2026 (night of Thursday 13 August)
- Where: Bedlam Theatre (Auditorium), 11b Bristo Place, EH1 1EZ
- How long: 50min

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