

AWARD-WINNING MUSICAL ABOUT WOMEN'S HEALTH MAKES ITS EDINBURGH DEBUT

Ripped Nylons Productions presents

Endometriosis: The Musical



Making its international debut at this year's Edinburgh Festival Fringe is the award-winning musical that transforms one of **medicine's most ignored conditions** into unmissable, unforgettable theatre.

Endometriosis: The Musical is a bold, funny, and fiercely cathartic show following one woman's quest to get someone — anyone — to take her pain seriously. With dancing doctors, a **fearlessly funny script**, and **songs you'll be humming for weeks**, it combines the joy of musical theater with the painful realities of the global healthcare system.

Endometriosis affects 1 in 7 women worldwide and yet takes an average of **more than a decade to diagnose**. *"It took my co-writer Kristin 12 years to be diagnosed. It took me 27,"* says writer Maria Bartholdi. *"There is no cure. There is hardly any research funding. Even the world's top experts can't agree on how to best manage it."* And yet — **the show is sidesplittingly funny**. *"Can a chronic illness really be funny? It has to be! Humor helps us survive,"* Bartholdi says. *"Endometriosis is, first and foremost, an exceptional musical. Its special trick is also creating that space to discuss exceptionally difficult subjects."*

Winner of all three major awards at the 2022 Minnesota Fringe Festival (Audience Pick, Venue Pick, and Artist Pick) the show was subsequently developed into a critically-acclaimed full-length production and ran at Theatre in the Round in Minneapolis in 2025. Co-written by Maria Bartholdi (book & lyrics) and Kristin Stowell (music & lyrics) with direction and choreography by Nikki Mirza, the creators hope this show leaves audiences with **a fire in their heart** — to advocate for better research, more funding, and a healthcare system that truly sees and supports those who've been ignored for so long.

"Simultaneously drop dead funny and deadly serious... a must see." **The Stages of MN**

"Beautifully and cleverly written, both hilarious and poignant, and utterly relatable for any human who has ever menstruated." **Cherry and Spoon**

Venue: Gilded Balloon Patter House, Doonstairs **Dates:** 5–31 Aug 2026 (not 17, 24)

Tickets: £10 - £13.50 **Time:** 16:00 (1h) **Website:** www.endomusical.com

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