

# Christine Bovill

## Acclaimed 5 Star Shows Return to Edinburgh Fringe 2017 Step into a Parisian Scented Twilight World of Song



Award-winning chanteuse **Christine Bovill** returns to the Edinburgh Fringe with her two 5-STAR shows, **PARIS** and **PIAF**, threading her remarkable journey in the world of French song with the life and works of Edith Piaf, and the golden age of French songwriters. No gimmicks. No pretence. Nothing but a voice – smoky, evocative and emotive - singing of life's triumphs and tragedies.

*'There is always one moment in childhood when the door opens and lets the future in'* (Graham Greene).

**Christine Bovill's PIAF** is both a personal narrative and a powerful musical homage to France's most endearing icon Edith Piaf. Despite the sorrow of Piaf's story, this is an evening of celebration – a tale of human triumph over tragedy; and at its heart, a unique performance by a woman widely regarded as one of the finest interpreters of French chanson.

*Something that will stay with you for the rest of your life* The Sunday Times

*Bovill is a great storyteller and she brings the songs to life with terrific panache and dramatic flair*  
The Scotsman \*\*\*\*\*

In **Christine Bovill's PARIS**, Christine beckons you back to the golden age of French Song; a demi-monde of heroes and outcasts, cynics and bruised romantics. With drama, pathos and pizzazz, the show casts a sepia-tinged spotlight on the songs and stories of Jacques Brel, Edith Piaf, Barbara, Juliet Greco, Charles Aznavour and more, interspersed with wonderful anecdotes from the period. Come and be transported into a Parisian scented twilight world of song.  
\*\*\*\*\* (Scotsman) \*\*\*\*\* (Herald)

An award-winning songwriter in her own right, Bovill has toured throughout Europe and the Far East with her self-penned homage to the Little Sparrow, appearing on BBC Newsnight and on the BBC Radio 4's series, Soul Music. Charles Dumont, Piaf's great friend and composer of *Non, Je ne Regrette Rien*, made the journey from Paris to join Christine on stage at the Edinburgh Fringe (Famous Spiegel tent). Validation for Christine's performance doesn't come any higher than this.

*Bovill's stage presence and voice are exquisite, and the simplicity of the accompaniment and staging adds to the dramatic effect. This is indeed five star entertainment* Edinburgh Fest.org

Christine Bovill has built a formidable reputation as a songwriting jazz chanteuse. Born into a Glasgow family where folk music was the flavour of the age, Christine characteristically explored her own inclinations, finding a delight in jazz and cabaret, which she has been developing ever since.

Following her Edinburgh Fringe run, in the beautiful setting of the New Town Theatre's Grand Hall, she will tour to London, Berlin and Ireland (with both shows).

### DATES

<b>Edinburgh Fringe 2017</b>	<b>New Town Theatre (venue 7), George Street</b>
18 - 26 Aug (except 20 Aug), 9.10pm	Christine Bovill's PARIS
20, 27 Aug, 9.10pm	Christine Bovill's PIAF

### TOURING

11 Sep	PARIS Show	Bar Jeder Vernunft, <b>Berlin</b>
Also 6 Nov, and in 2018 - 22 Jan, 27 Mar, 28 May, 25-18 Oct		
14 Sep	PIAF Show	Underbelly, Southbank, <b>London</b>
19 Jan 2018	PIAF Show	Everyman Theatre, Cork, <b>Ireland</b>

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