**PRESS RELEASE**

Former Grange Hill actor Mark Savage stands up to suicide at Clapham Fringe, Beyond Borders.

Bread and Roses theatre, 68 Clapham Manor St. London. SW4 6DZ

Sunday 6 October. 5pm.

Mark played the notorious controversial school bully Gripper Stebson, who David Cameron joked was his role model:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-10681424

With suicide being the most common cause of men in the UK, with the highest rate in the 45-49 year age group, Mark Savage plays Frank, a stand up comedian in his 40's experiencing an existential crisis and contemplates becoming another anonymous statistic. But first he has one or two important things he has to say, as he spontaneously finds his voice and articulates his fears and emotions, proving its OK to talk, as he delivers as part monologue, part stand up comedy routine, and inadvertently counsels himself and identifies changes he needs to make as society evolves and identifies toxic masculinity traits that are having a detrimental effect on his health.

 Frank tells his story of how he got to this awful place in his life with a dark philosophical acerbic wit in this story of hope and celebration of the tenacious nature of humanity and our pursuit of happiness, that gives us something to think about and more importantly talk about.

***this play is blackly comic and painfully clever approach to a subject, like the title suggest, that is a human issue that we should all be talking more about.~ London pub theatres 5/4/2017***

Human Issue is written and directed by Dean Moynihan.

Dean attended Roehampton University where he studied drama and trained as an actor.

Dean's Novel "Finally Woken" was published this year :

https://www.bookguild.co.uk/bookshop-collection/fiction/thrillers/finally-woken/

As well as directing **Human Issue**, Dean is currently writing his third novel developing a screenplay.

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