

# Jeopardy Contestant Tells His Story At The Fringe

## MEDIA RELEASE

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*After performing a **sold-out run at the 2019 Winnipeg Fringe** and winning “**Best Solo Show – Comedy**” at the **Orlando Fringe in 2022** and “**Patrons’ Pick**” in **2023**, George is excited to bring this energetic one-hour tale back to Winnipeg, offering audiences more than just a behind-the-scenes peek at filming Jeopardy episodes. Along with video clips from the show, George talks about taking the lead and just as he was moments away from winning, seeing how things don't always turn out how we hope.*

For a university instructor it's more common to give tests than to take them, but in the spring of 2015 George Buri did both. As he supervised students writing their American History exam, George took the online Jeopardy test, which used to be offered at a specific time just once a year. Along with millions of other would-be contestants George hoped his score on the test, along with his love of trivia, would be enough to get him on the popular television show.

His score was among the highest, and a few weeks later George was contacted by a Jeopardy producer and asked if he could attend the next step of the contestant selection process: an in-person audition in Kansas City. How could he say no to this opportunity? The whirlwind weekend trip involved an in-person test and a mock game with other would-be contestants.

Afterwards the only thing George could do was keep his fingers crossed that he might be called to appear on the show. Of the 3,000 people who audition each year, only 400 make it on television.

He waited. And waited... eventually thinking that the call would never come, and that would be the end of his Jeopardy story. But the waiting paid off: almost two years later, George was asked if he would like to appear on the show, and in April 2017 he flew to Culver City, California to appear on Jeopardy!

In his original Fringe show *I Lost On Jeopardy* George tells the story of his experiences preparing to compete, meeting his fellow contestants (the "Olympic athletes of the trivia world") and the amazing chemistry he had with host and fellow Canadian, the late Alex Trebek.

## Reviews:

“Smart, personable, funny and thoughtful” – Orlando Sentinel

★★★★★ “one-man master class in punchy, engaging storytelling” - Winnipeg Free Press

★★★★★ “gosh darnit, it’s really good” - CBC Manitoba

## [Dropbox: photos from / Lost on Jeopardy](#)

### ***I Lost On Jeopardy***

Written and performed by George Buri

So Lonely Productions

Winnipeg, Canada

**GENRE:** Comedy / Storytelling / Drama

**VENUE:** 5 – Alloway Hall

**RATING:** All ages. Content Warning: adult language

**TICKETS:** \$12 available at the Fringe Box Office or [www.winnipegfringe.com/performer-detail.aspx?kw=So+Lonely+Productions](http://www.winnipegfringe.com/performer-detail.aspx?kw=So+Lonely+Productions); \$10 discount at the door for students, seniors, kids 12 and under, and former Jeopardy contestants.

### **Performance dates and times:**

Friday, July 21 at 10:00 pm

Saturday, July 22 at 1:30 pm

Sunday, July 23 at 6:30 pm

Monday, July 24 at 7:15 pm

Wednesday, July 26 at 2:45 pm

Thursday, July 27 at 1:00 pm

Friday, July 28 at 8:15 pm

Saturday, July 29 at 1:00 pm

**More media coverage:** [“Winnipeg Jeopardy! contestants for \\$200, Alex... Local history professor blew his shot on 2017 episode of syndicated TV ratings juggernaut and wrote a fringe festival play about it”](#) – David Sanderson, Winnipeg Free Press, July 12, 2019

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