Unit 2 Culture vulture

Video script

The Edinburgh Fringe is the biggest arts festival in the world. Every August, thousands of performances take place in venues all over the city. The Fringe began in 1947, as a smaller version of the Edinburgh International Festival. Today, it is much bigger and people come from all over the world to watch comedy shows, theatre productions, street performers and much more. We asked some visitors what they thought of this year's festival and its shows.

Man 1: I love stand-up comedy, so I come here every year. I always watch lots of different kinds of comedians. The Edinburgh Fringe Festival is great because you can watch comedy shows all day, from early in the morning until late at night. I don't know of any other festival which has as much great comedy as the Edinburgh Fringe. And it's not only about comedy. I saw a ballet yesterday and it was amazing! I didn't really want to go, to be honest, but I'm very glad I did. The dancing was incredible!

Woman 1: I live in Edinburgh, so I have a whole month to see a lot of different kinds of performances. Some local people don't like it because there are so many tourists, and the city gets very busy and crowded. But I like seeing so many people coming to our city and having a good time, so I think the Edinburgh Fringe Festival is a good thing. I don't like everything I see here though. I saw a physical theatre performance yesterday. It was a bit like dance, but there wasn't as much music. It was… interesting. The actors were very good, but I didn't really understand the story.

Man 2: I just saw a play and it was awful! I read a review that gave it five stars but I didn't like it at all. There wasn't any action; it was just some people standing around talking. It was really dull. Next, I'm going to see a comedy show. I can't remember the comedian's name, but my girlfriend thinks he's hilarious, so it should be good.

Woman 2: People say it's the biggest festival in the world. I think that must be true, because there are so many different shows and performances here. The streets are full of performers and there are posters for plays and comedy shows everywhere. I just saw a clown doing an outdoor show. He was really funny, everyone stopped to watch him, even the police officers. It was brilliant! I come here every year, but not just for fun. Actually, I'm the director of a youth theatre group. This year we're doing Bugsy Malone. It's been really popular. The kids always enjoy coming here. In my opinion, the Edinburgh Fringe is the best festival in the world.

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