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ED2011 Theatre Review: Stand Up And Be Counted (Aslan Productions)

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What do you do when life seems to be giving you the cold shoulder? You face it, straight on, and with a sense of humour. This is precisely why after a lifetime of failed relationships, mothering predicaments, and a recent discovery of a cancerous tumour, our lead character has no choice but to take up stand-up comedy. Blending together subtle humour and surrealist cabaret, this performance gives an insight into the lives of many women past their fifties, who, with their children grown up, are wondering what to do next. Though it does deal with grave topics, the show never loses sight of its feel-good comedic appeal and this, its most emphatic trait, makes it indeed worth your time.

Paradise In Augustine's, 16 – 27 Aug (not 22), 4.30pm (5.20pm), £6.00, fpp300.

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