2026 Salem Witch Trial 🔥"Best Solo Show" at Edinburgh Fringe '25 and "Fierce Artist Award" winner at Hollywood Fringe '26

What happens when a tarot-reading lesbian finds herself exiled by Christian neighbors who might just be in a cult? In ***2026 Salem Witch Trial***, Telly Award winning writer-performer **Gretchen Wylder** tells a raw, hilarious, and haunting **true story**. This solo show with video elements fuses personal memoir, dark comedy, and radical reclamation of spirituality.

Set against the backdrop of Salem's Halloween tourist season and a disturbingly devout cottage town just north of Salem proper, *2026 Salem Witch Trial* is based on Wylder's real-life descent into a modern-day witch hunt. Navigating a double life—reading tarot by day, surviving zealotry by night—Wylder unpacks her personal horror story alongside the religious violence still faced by women, queer people, and spiritual nonconformists alike.

2025 Salem Witch Trial had its world premiere at **Edinburgh Fringe Festival '25** & received "**Best Solo Show**" in the Horror category ("The Spookies" awards). The NYC premiere was sold-out at the **New York Comedy Festival '25** and recently sold-out and won the **"Fierce Artist Award"** at the **Hollywood Fringe Festival '26**. Directed by Ryan Cunningham (TV: *Broad City, Inside Amy Schumer;* Film: *Lone Wolves;* Theatre: *Sugar Daddy, Relative Stranger, The Power Vested in Me)*

🔮 *2026 Salem Witch Trial*
Written & Performed by: Gretchen Wylder
Directed by: Ryan Cunningham
Length: 1 hour

"Wylder's show is, in the truest sense, radical" ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐ by The Student News

"Hilarious and harrowing" by The Nerd Party

"Incrediby well crafted - nothing short of remarkable" ⭐⭐⭐⭐ by Binge Fringe

"Gretchen Wylder is a nightmare" ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐ by Geek Chocolate

"Gretchen is a spellbinding, not-of-this-world performer." ~ Stage Crafts

More information about the show: http://www.gretchenwylder.com/salemwitchtrials.html

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