**JUST AN ORDINARY LAWYER
A play, with songs.
Written and performed by Tayo Aluko
With live piano accompaniment

Directed by Amanda Huxtable, Designed by Emma Williams**

**“The British Empire was trying desperately to hold on to its colonial possessions by any means … and the foul would often override the fair.”**

Nigerian Tunji Sowande quietly breaks through multiple barriers to become Britain’s first Black judge in 1978. Also a fine concert singer and keen cricket lover, he muses on international politics and history as they affect the Black world from Africa to the USA and Britain, from the point of view of one who would rather watch sports, and spread love and peace through the medium of song.

Recalling heroic sporting achievements alongside epoch-defining political events, Tayo Aluko delivers “a masterclass in performance art, research and history.” (87 words)

He is Britain’s first Black judge, a fine singer and keen cricket lover. Finding himself stranded in the Heart of Empire, Nigerian Tunji Sowande muses on Black liberation struggles worldwide. He insists he is no political aficionado, but is content to contribute in court or through his songs. (48 words)

**Reviews:**

“A fascinating play” (4 stars) The Guardian

“A masterclass in performance art, research and history” (5 stars) [EdFringeReview.com](https://www.tayoalukoandfriends.com/jaol/edfringe-review-jf1/)
“Immensely enjoyable.” (4 Stars) [One4Review](http://one4review.co.uk/2016/08/just-ordinary-lawyer-tayo-aluko-friends-4/#.V7Y05lsrJdg)

“A superb play” (9/10) [Liverpool Sound and Vision](http://www.liverpoolsoundandvision.co.uk/2016/08/11/just-an-ordinary-lawyer-theatre-review-spotlites-edinburgh-fringe-festival-2016/)

“Every socialist, anti-racist and ­anti-imperialist will love this” [Socialist Worker](https://socialistworker.co.uk/art/43267/Black%E2%80%94an%2Binsightful%2Btale%2Bof%2Bracism%2C%2Bpoverty%2Band%2Balienation)

“Prepare to be bowled over” [Wirral Globe](http://www.wirralglobe.co.uk/news/14784150.Review__Just_an_Ordinary_Lawyer__at_Liverpool_Playhouse_Studio/?ref=twtrec)

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Duration: 85 mins (no interval) Age recommendation 14+ No sexual content