

FOOL

PRESS RELEASE

A sketch show with a difference from an award winning team of writers and performers.

Sick and tired of watching contrived sketch shows? Of sitting through material designed to shock and offend for the sake of 'pushing boundaries'? If the answer is "yes" then **FOOL** is for you. A sketch show with a unique style, **FOOL** combines original sketches, complex characters and live music in a rare evening of theatrical delight.

The members of **FOOL** first met when they performed together at the Edinburgh Festival as part of the Durham Revue. But their talents stretch far beyond sketch comedy.

Theatre

Oliver Birch co-founded **en masse theatre** with whom he writes and performs, and has won TWO FRINGE FIRST AWARDS for The Echo Chamber and The Ignatius Trail. Ross Devlin recently toured the UK with Jason and the Argonauts produced by **Schtanhaus/beggarsbelief** and **Warwick Arts Centre**.

Stand-up comedy

David Critchley has performed extensively on the London stand-up circuit as Fleeming Jenkin, reached the finals of the Amused Moose Comedy competition, and runs his own music and comedy night in London.

Music

John Biddle works in London as a freelance singer. All members of the group are accomplished instrumentalists and singers with experience of writing and performing a wide variety of music.

FOOL promises to be an innovative mix of comedy and live music, not only rich in humour, but also in its quality of performance, production and style.

PRAISE FOR PREVIOUS WORK:

"A terrific script with panache and a glorious sense of fun ... jokes, clever word play and scene after scene of inspired and intelligent silliness."

The Stage 2006: The Ignatius Trail

"Always open with a joke, they say, and this piece has jibes, jests and ripostes coming out of its portholes. The multilayered comedy ranges from throwaway scatological lines and literary references to sparkling gems of songs."

FEST 2005: The Ignatius Trail

"Sketch Comedy is dead: long live the Durham Revue"

London News Review 2003: Chip Monk

"It's funny, punny and scorchingly fast-paced ... one of the most brilliant comedy moments on the Fringe ... This impressive team may have come out of nowhere, but they're certainly going somewhere."

Steve Bennett, Chortle 2002: Baby Food

FOOL by FOOL COMEDY : 17.10 – 18.05 daily at the Smirnoff Underbelly
5 – 27 August (not 4/16) : Weekdays £8/7 Weekends £9/8
Preview 3 August : £5
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