

Since 2003, this producers' alliance has brought a multitude of award-winning shows to the Edinburgh Fringe. Many have gone on to play London seasons and tour. In 2011 the line-up of 12 shows includes a strong range of new work and old favourites.

THEATRE PREMIERES

An Instinct For Kindness Written and performed by Chris Lerner 3 - 29 August (not 10 or 17). *Pleasance Dome, 16:10 (70 mins)*

Last year, Chris Lerner accompanied his terminally-ill ex-wife to Switzerland's Dignitas clinic. He came home with an empty wheelchair, and a story to tell. This moving, bittersweet show reflects on the circumstances, morality and humanity surrounding the journey. Directed by Hannah Eidinow, who last year won acclaim for her production of *Lockerbie: Unfinished Business*.

Lights, Camera, Walkies by Tom Glover 3 - 29 August (not 10 or 17). *Gilded Balloon Teviot, 14:00 (70 mins)*

When yet another Hollywood celebrity walks off set, a desperate producer decides to cast a dog as his star. But which lucky pooch will take the lead? New play from BBC sitcom competition finalist Tom Glover, directed by emerging talent Katherine Hare.

Looser Women by Tim Fountain and Suzanne Portnoy 3 - 29 August (not 17). *Gilded Balloon Teviot, 22:45 (60 mins)*

Funny, filthy, true-life sex and dating stories from real women, retold live by three of the fringe's naughtiest comediennes. Premier of this new show from Tim Fountain and best-selling author Suzanne Portnoy (*The Butcher, The Baker, The Candlestick Maker*).

Oedipus by Steven Berkoff after Sophocles 3 - 29 August (not 10, 17 or 24). *Pleasance Courtyard, 13:20 (100 mins)*

Steven Berkoff returns to the fringe for the first time since the acclaimed *On The Waterfront* in 2008. This new version of *Oedipus*, with an 11-strong cast, recently won fantastic national reviews during its pre-Edinburgh runs in Nottingham and Liverpool. Berkoff will play Creon for the Edinburgh run, Anita Dobson will play Jocasta and Simon Merrells, Oedipus.

The School Of Night Limited run: 3 - 18 August only. *Gilded Balloon Teviot, 17:15 (70 mins)*

From poems to Pinter, from sonnets to Sondheim: this daring group founded by maverick Ken Campbell takes on any challenge culminating in an authentically Shakespearean masterpiece made up on the spot. From the makers of the acclaimed *Showstopper*.

Somewhere Beneath It All, A Small Fire Burns Still by Dave Florez 3 - 29 August (not 15). *Gilded Balloon Teviot, 12:00 (60 mins)*

Kevin loves Daina. Phil loves Daina. Phil never said goodbye to either of them. This compelling absurdist monologue about seeking forgiveness in an unrelenting world is performed by Phil Nichol, winner of both The Stage and Edinburgh Comedy awards. Powerful and darkly funny new drama from Royal Court young writer Dave Florez is directed by triple Fringe First winner Hannah Eidinow.

COMEDY/MUSICAL PREMIERES

Cabaret Whore: More! More! More! 4 - 28 August (not 17). *Underbelly Cowgate, 16:55 (60 mins)*

Brilliant character comedy and sparkling original songs, introducing four desperate divas from around the globe, including washed up lounge singer Bernie St Clair and tortured French Chanteuse, La Poule Plombée. Following two acclaimed, award-winning years on the Free Fringe, Sarah-Louise Young brings her third *Cabaret Whore* show to the main Fringe for the first time.

The Fitzrovia Radio Hour 3 - 29 August (not 17). *Gilded Balloon Teviot, 16:00 (60 mins)*

1940s-style radio adventures, brilliantly evoking a dinner-jacketed age of casual imperialism. Roaring tales, with sound effects created live by the cast. Elegantly riotous. All-new 2011 show following London transfer of their 2010 Fringe debut.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND...

Chat Masala with Hardeep Singh Kohli 3 - 28 August. *Gilded Balloon Teviot, 14:00 plus 20:00 on 16 August only (60 mins)*

Following the huge success of its 2010 premiere and subsequent UK tour, Hardeep returns with second helpings of his 'curried chat show', in an mouth-watering new lunchtime slot. Last year's guests included Ian Rankin, Clarke Peters, and Russell Kane.

Lockerbie: Unfinished Business 8 August. *St John's Church, Princes Street, 16:00 (70 mins plus optional post-show discussion)*

Returning for one performance only as part of Donald Reid's Festival of Spirituality, following its Fringe First winning debut in 2010. David Benson's powerful solo performance will be followed by a discussion with a panel including Swire and Professor Robert Black.

Potted Potter: The Unauthorised Harry Experience – A Parody by Dan and Jeff 3 - 16 August. *Pleasance Courtyard, 16:00 (70 mins)*

Olivier nominated double-act Dan and Jeff to their first show for a fifth anniversary tour. All seven Harry Potter books in 70 minutes! This brilliantly funny show returns to Edinburgh, where both the show and the Potter books began life.

Showstopper! The Improvised Musical 5 - 28 August (not 17). *Gilded Balloon Teviot, 22:50 plus Tuesday matinees 15:20 (70 mins)*

Back for their fourth Fringe season, the Showstoppers will be improvising a total of 26 new musicals based on audience suggestions. This incredible ensemble have recently played their first West End residency as well as touring internationally with the production.

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