

Seabright Productions presents

LOOSER WOMEN

By **Tim Fountain** and **Suzanne Portnoy**

Directed by **Owen Lewis**

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 comedienne. From two of the best-known contemporary writers on sex and eroticism.

One of the rudest names in modern play-writing, **Tim Fountain** (*Sex Addict*) has collaborated with best-selling author **Suzanne Portnoy** (*The Butcher, The Baker, The Candlestick Maker*) to create a frank, funny and surprising poignant piece of theatre about the real sex-lives of modern women.

Based on the true-life sex and dating stories, *Looser Women* lays bare the incredible, horrifying and hilarious experiences of the 21st century woman in search of a mate for life, for a year or for a quickie!

Tim Fountain's plays include *Sex Addict* (Assembly, Royal Court and Schaubuehne, Berlin); *Resident Alien* (Bush and NY Theatre Workshop, also BBC Radio 3); *Julie Burchill Is Away*; *Hotboi*; *How To Lose Friends and Alienate People*; and *Dandy in the Underworld* (Soho); and *Midnight Cowboy* (Assembly). He also directed the original West End Production of *Puppetry of the Penis*. Tim has written for television and radio and was a principal writer on *Bob and Margaret* (Channel Four/Comedy Central). His books include *Quentin Crisp: a Biography* (Absolute); and *So You Want to be a Playwright?* (Nick Hern Books).

Suzanne Portnoy is the author of the best-selling explicit memoir *The Butcher, The Baker, the Candlestick Maker: An Erotic Memoir* (Virgin Books, 2006) and *The Not-So-Invisible Woman* (Virgin Books, 2008). Her candour, humour and originality made her books and her an over-night sensation when she first hit the best-seller lists in 2006 and have since established her as a gifted and beloved writer.

Director **Owen Lewis'** Edinburgh credits include both Hardeep Singh Kohli's shows, both Stewart Lee's Late But Live shows: *Johnson & Boswell* and *Elizabeth & Raleigh* (Traverse 2007, Underbelly 2009 respectively); and *Loaded* with Scott Capurro (Pleasance). He directed the recent national tours of Sugg's new solo show, as well as *Grumpy Old Women 2* (UK tour 2009). Other credits include *Pete and Dud: Come Again* (West End & UK tour); and *The Lady Of Burma* (Riverside Studios, tour and Brighton Festival 2011).

LISTINGS INFORMATION – LOOSER WOMEN

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Venue Number 14: Gilded Balloon Teviot. Sub-venue: Dining Room

Tickets £6-£11: 0131 622 6552 / www.gildedballoon.co.uk

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