

Showstopper Productions in association with Seabright Productions presents

## SHOWSTOPPER! THE IMPROVISED MUSICAL

5 - 28 August (not 17). Gilded Balloon Teviot 22:50 plus Tuesday matinees 15:20 (70 mins)

*Showstopper!* return for their fourth successive year at Edinburgh Fringe. 2011 has seen the troupe make their full West End debut and record and air their first BBC Radio 4 series. This year, the Edinburgh run will include special family-friendly matinees every Tuesday at 3.20 pm.

**Showstopper!** is entirely improvised: a brand new musical is created at every performance. A writer has just one night to create a hit show to impress his producer. Stuck for ideas, he takes audience suggestions for a title, storylines and musical styles that they'd like to see in the show. The Showstoppers then create a musical from scratch based around that structure. Utterly unpredictable, frequently side-splittingly funny and featuring dazzling dance routines and catchy melodies.

The Showstoppers tour nationally, play regular London residencies and have enjoyed three sell-out Edinburgh Fringe seasons. Their first West End season at The Ambassadors Theatre earlier this year won further critical acclaim and enjoyed capacity audiences. Their first BBC Radio 4 series of six special 30 minute improvised musicals was broadcast in early 2011.

The creators of *Showstopper!* are also bringing **Ken Campbell's School Of Night** to Gilded Balloon at this year's Fringe from 4 – 18 August.

Recent review quotes include:

**"Glorious... Showstopper! simply shouldn't stop."** The Observer

**"The show makes your jaw drop in impressed amazement  
and your ribs ache with laughter." \*\*\*\*\*** Mail On Sunday

**"A professionally staged and brilliantly executed piece of work that is  
a shining example of how good improv can be." \*\*\*\*\*** Chortle

This format was created by Sticking Place Artistic Director **Adam Meggido** and veteran improviser **Dylan Emery**, both of whom worked closely with the late, great theatre maverick, **Ken Campbell**. This collaboration resulted in *Shall We Shog?* (Shakespeare's Globe 2005); *Décor Without Production* (for The Royal Court Theatre 50th anniversary celebrations); *In Pursuit Of Cardenio* (Edinburgh Festival 2006); and the extraordinary, annual 50-hour *Improvathon* – the only event of its kind in Europe.

The Showstoppers are: **Chris Ash, Duncan Walsh Atkins, Ruth Bratt, Julie Clare, Dylan Emery, Pippa Evans, James Lovelock, Sean McCann, Adam Meggido, Philip Pellew, Nigel Pilkington, Oliver Senton, Lucy Trodd** and **Sarah Louise Young**. Created by **Dylan Emery** and **Adam Meggido**. Produced by **Adam Meggido, Dylan Emery** and **Keith Strachan** for Showstopper Productions. General management by **Seabright Productions**.

### LISTINGS INFORMATION Showstopper! The Improvised Musical

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Venue Number 14: Gilded Balloon Teviot. Sub-venue: Debating Hall Tickets £7.50 - £12.50

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