

Gilded Balloon Productions, Comedians' Theatre Company and Seabright Productions present

SOMEWHERE BENEATH IT ALL, A SMALL FIRE BURNS STILL

By **Dave Florez**. Performed by **Phil Nichol**. Directed by **Hannah Eidinow**

3 - 29 August (not 15). Gilded Balloon Teviot 12:00 (60 mins)

Phil Nichol performs the world premiere of **Dave Florez's** darkly comic, twisted and powerful theatrical Monologue. Directed by triple Fringe First winner, **Hannah Eidinow**.

Join Kevin at his local cafe and take a surreal journey into his inner world from childhood trauma to his obsession with beautiful waitress, Daina. Kevin's warped worldview collides with reality as he tries to explain sex, love and longing but gets lost along the way. An absurdist monologue with more twists than the back road from Slough to Reading.

Writer **Dave Florez** has been a Royal Court Young Writer since 2000. His short play, *Mean Steal*, was produced as part of the Shortcuts Through The Carnival festival at the Jerwood Theatre Upstairs in 2001. His first full-length play, *Afterbirth*, was directed by **Deborah Paige** at the Arcola Theatre in 2005. Dave has had readings with the Caird Company and Nabokov Theatre Company. His short play, *100% Bullet Proof*, had a joint reading at both the Soho Theatre and the Liverpool Everyman in March 2005.

Phil Nichol is an award-winning comedian, actor, producer, presenter, writer and musician. Since winning the Edinburgh Comedy Award in 2006 he has continued to prove his abilities. His assured theatrical work has won critical acclaim and multiple award nominations and he won The Stage Acting Excellence award in 2005. Phil headlines all the major comedy clubs around the country and is also heavily involved as a resident host in *Old Rope* a new material night which runs in London and Brighton.

This year at Edinburgh Fringe Phil will also be performing a new hour of stand up and songs, called the **Simple Hour** at The Stand.

Praise for **Phil Nichol**:

"Unfailingly impressive." The Guardian

"Attacks his material with all the restraint of a Tasmanian Devil in a foghorn factory." The Times

"Seismically powerful award-winning comic force." The Scotsman

Hannah Eidinow is a triple Fringe First Award winning director for *Lockerbie: Unfinished Business* (Edinburgh 2011 & UK tour) *What I Heard About Iraq* (Edinburgh 2006; UK Tour & West End 2007) and *Gone* (Edinburgh & West End 2004). Hannah is Creative Development and Associate Director for Pleasance and an associate director of *The Miniaturists*. Recent directing credits include *Mood Swing* (Edinburgh and New York 2010); *Memory Cells* (Edinburgh 2010); and *The Lady From The Sea* (Arcola).

LISTINGS INFORMATION – Somewhere Beneath it All, A Small Fire Burns Still

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

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