

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL FRINGE 2004  
James Seabright for Festival Highlights presents

the new comedy from POPULATION:3

# THE ELEPHANT WOMAN

*"I am not an animal! I am a human being! I... am... a lady!"*

Following last year's Edinburgh and London sell-out hit *The Wicker Woman*, critically acclaimed trio **Population: 3** return with an all-new comedy spectacle. Once again they are joined by award-winning director David Sant (*Peepolykus*) to create a blistering circus of silliness.

Inspired by Seventies cult film *The Elephant Man*, Population:3 bring you *The Elephant Woman* – the tragic tale of a woman fathered by an elephant. No end of historical research has been ignored and every fact disregarded to create this compelling document of Victorian London, complete with prostitutes, surgeons, freaks, Queen Victoria, and a woman with a bag on her head.

*A brainless, blazing cult in the making* – Bruce Dessau, Evening Standard  
*I laughed a lot. This is a trio with a future* – John Gross, Sunday Telegraph

**POPULATION: 3** are Barunka O'Shaughnessy, Lucy Montgomery and James Bachman.

- **Barunka** can be seen on TV in sketches for *Dom Joly – World Shut Your Mouth* (BBC1); *Stitch Up!* (BBC 1) and as Tracy in *Tracy & I* for Channel 4. She also co-wrote and co-starred in *Killing Time* (BBC3) as well as playing the doofus in the *Lotto Daily Play* TV & network radio advertising campaign.
- **Lucy** co-wrote and co-starred in the one-off prison comedy, *Killing Time* (BBC 3). Other television credits include *Bo>Selecta!* (Channel 4) and *Stitch Up!* (BBC 1). Lucy has performed in two Radio 4 series - *The Department* and *The Museum of Everything*. On stage she recently played the evil nurse in Cal McCrystal's sell out production of *Loot* at the Derby Playhouse. She can also be heard voicing Sky One's dirty comedy show *Badly Dubbed Porn* and the BBC 1 animation *Pop Skool*.
- **James** has performed in *15 Storeys High* on BBC2, *That Mitchell and Webb Sound* on Radio 4 and *Loot* on stage at the Derby Playhouse. He has also written for a vast number of TV and radio shows including two series of *Ant and Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway*, *Popetown*, *The Eleven O'Clock Show*, and the Sony Award-winning *Very World of Milton Jones*. At the Edinburgh Fringe he has written, performed and directed, including Stephen Fry's *The Liar*, *The Bachman and Evans Special Edition* and *The Mitchell and Webb Story*.

**THE WICKER WOMAN** – Population: 3's ingenious update of the cult classic *The Wicker Man* – also returns to the Pleasance for a brief ten performance run at 12.20pm in Pleasance Cavern from 20 – 29 August. See separate release for full details of this show.

\*\*\*\*\* The Herald, ThreeWeeks, Fest, Comedy Lounge, SFX

\*\*\*\* The Scotsman, Metro, The List, The Times, What's On In London

For more information on the company see their Web site at [www.population3.co.uk](http://www.population3.co.uk)

## LISTINGS

### THE ELEPHANT WOMAN

Performed by Population:3 (James Bachman, Barunka O'Shaughnessy, Lucy Montgomery)

Written by the Company and the Director

Directed by David Sant, Designed by Janet Bird

**At Pleasance Two (Venue 33) 4-30 August 2004** (except Tuesdays 10 & 17) **at 7.00pm** (1h)

Tickets £5 - £10.50 Box Office: 0131 556 6550

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