



EDINBURGH FESTIVAL FRINGE 2005
James Seabright for Festival Highlights presents

CARL-EINAR HÄCKNER

MAGIC, MUSIC AND MAYHEM FOR ALL AGES: THE RUBBER-FACED SWEDISH COMIC RETURNS

Following his harmonica-eating fringe debut last year in, the marauding Swede returns with an all-new hour of his shambolic brand of musical comedy and illusion for all ages. In the madcap world of this lovable entertainer, things go spectacularly wrong on a regular basis, with hilarious and painful results.

“Mixes comedy, magic, vaudeville and punk rock” *Time Out*

Carl-Einar's frenetic yet endearing style of magic appeals to the child in all of us. From fingers trapped in sausage machines, to dancing in Brazilian head dresses whilst wearing ridiculous platform shoes, you can expect a lot of surprises in your hour with Carl-Einar. Meet his new warm up act Mr Ballantino, learn how to become famous in your neighbourhood, discover what it would feel like to play guitar with U2.

“Extremely effective, inspired, comedy persona.” *The Stage*

The set, the costume and the character all exude a wonderful run-down charm and naivety that gets the audience on his side from the start. As last year, he'll be making regular appearances on the high street offering free tasters of his main show.

“Over here, he's been called the Mr Bean of Swedish magicians. Back in Sweden, he's been voted funniest and sexiest man.” *The Guardian Guide - Pick Of The Week*

Carl-Einar Häckner started as a magician at age 11 and has gone on to become a big star in Sweden. Since 1999 he has staged an annual variety event in his hometown of Gothenberg that plays to thousands of people a day for a month and his conjuring has taken him as far afield as Las Vegas and L.A. playing from theatres to rock shows. After premiering in Edinburgh 2004 he has enjoyed two sell-out runs at the Soho Theatre in London.

“With his intense blue eyes and thick lips, Häckner could also be Klaus Kinski's prettier younger brother. Only scarier. His inventive clown fiesta is great fun.” *The List*

Read more about Carl-Einar Häckner at www.hackner.to

LISTINGS

CARL-EINAR HACKNER

At Pleasance Courtyard (Venue 33) 60 the Pleasance Edinburgh EH8 9TJ (Sub-venue: Above)

4-29 August 2005 (except Wednesday 10 & 17) at **5.20pm** (1hr)

Tickets £5 - £9.50

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