



EDINBURGH FESTIVAL FRINGE 2005
James Seabright for Festival Highlights presents **Pez En Raya** in

MILK

Spain's premiere comedy theatre troupe PEZ EN RAYA Directed by DAVID SANT (Peepolykus, Population:3)

Pez En Raya make their Edinburgh fringe debut with *Milk*. This is an English version of their Spanish show *Pesame Mucho*, which has played a five-month season in Barcelona and has won acclaim at European festivals, including a brief UK tour in 2003 when it was named Best Show at the Bath Fringe.

"They have that special charm, that complicity, that clowns need to win over their audience. Brilliant physical gags, verbal playfulness, flamenco, all propelling this story forward in ways which will make you laugh and keep you glued to your seat throughout." *El Pais*

A bedevilled cow, an amateur exorcist, and two crazed clowns collide in this delightfully funny tale of everyday events in a village taking a surreal turn for the worse. The mayor's hopes to marry the local milkmaid are dashed when a passing Spanish devil called Falafel possesses her prize cow Daisy, turning the Friesian's milk black and eventually sending it to bovine heaven. Further bedevilment ensues, leading to a spectacularly sacrilegious finale in which the milkmaid has the power to save the future of mankind.

"This sort of comedy theatre is sorely needed in any self-respecting fringe festival" *Bath Chronicle*

Throughout this serious-sounding plot, the two award-winning performers infuse the tale with laughter, using black comedy, vicious slapstick, and endless comedy props and costumes. Adding to the already upside-down slant on everything, the male roles are played by the vivacious and petite **Cristina Medina**, with her lanky male counterpart **Joan Estrader** taking on the female roles.

"If you like the surreal, bizarre and the completely barking mad, *Milk* is a must" *Jersey Evening Post*

The show is directed by **David Sant**, who is renowned in the UK for his work as a performer and director with Peepolykus, creators of the renowned comedy theatre shows *Let The Donkey Go*, *I Am A Coffee*, *Horses for Courses*, *Goose Nights*, *Mindbender*, *Rhinoceros* and *All In The Timing* (which plays the Assembly Rooms this fringe). He has also directed the sell-out Edinburgh shows *The Wicker Woman* and *The Elephant Woman* for comedy trio Population:3, both of which transferred to the West End.

"Combines clowning, spark dialogue and surreal slapstick with a flutter of flamenco" *Metro*

Pez En Raya is a partnership between its performers Cristina Medina and Joan Estrader. Their debut show *Carcoma* (1997), directed by Swede Jons Papilla, toured Spain, Switzerland and Italy. *Merci Y Me Fui* (1998), played the Madrid International Clown Festival, The Absurd Theatre Festival in Bologna (Italy) and the Humor Festival (Zurich, Switzerland). *Cover Yourself* played to packed houses for two very busy years, including a UK tour in 2001. Under the title of *The Milk Prophecy*, *Milk* was seen in the UK in 2003.

LISTINGS

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A **Pez En Raya** production. Devised by **Cristina Medina**, **Joan Estrader** and **David Sant**

Directed by **David Sant**, Performed by **Cristina Medina** and **Joan Estrader**

At **Pleasance Courtyard (Venue 33)** 60 The Pleasance, Edinburgh EH8 9TJ (Sub-venue: Two)

3-29 August 2005 (except 10 & 17 August) at **6.40pm** (1 hour) Tickets £5 - £9.50, Box Office: 0131 556 6550

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