



EDINBURGH FESTIVAL FRINGE 2006 - [COMEDY](#)

Bill Hicks: Slight Return

SELL-OUT RETURNS AFTER WEST END TRANSFER

Pleasance Courtyard (Venue 33)
4 6 8 11 13 August 16.30 (17.30)
21 22 24-28 August 17.00 (18.00)



This acclaimed solo show returns a third and final run at the Edinburgh fringe with newly updated material, following sell-out fringe runs in 2004 and 2005, a UK tour and extended London runs in 2005 and 2006. In this brilliant comedy, the greatest comedian in the world returns for one more show. **Slight Return** is the true story of one man's attempt to change the world through stand-up comedy.

"Unimaginably brilliant. Beautiful, bruising, bad-boy stuff. Painfully good, painfully Hicks."
Kate Copstick, *The Scotsman* ****

Bill Hicks' edgy, confrontational style has influenced many comedians. Chas Early uses his uncanny impersonation of the much-missed cult comic to take a look at what Hicks would have made of the world in 2006. Unsurprisingly, he is none too impressed, and everyone from George Bush to Coldplay fall victim to a tirade of abuse.

"A triumph of mimicry, research and writing" Julian Hall, *The Independent* ****

The writing team of Chas Early & Richard Hurst have created a heartfelt, strangely moving and deeply funny show that won the admiration of Hicks fans and the utterly uninitiated alike.

"Terrific... Chas Early gives this rollicking reincarnation integrity and wit"
Dominic Maxwell, *Metro*

Richard Hurst's theatre work includes *Play Wisty For Me: The Life of Peter Cook* (Riverside Studios and Pleasance, Edinburgh), *Miranda Hart's House Party* (Pleasance, Edinburgh 2005), his adaptation of *Ripley Bogle* (*Time Out* Critics' Choice), and his adaptation of *Hard Times* (UK tour 2004). Richard and Chas first worked together on *Twelfth Night* (BAC), and subsequently on *This Is Pop!* (BBC Choice).

Chas Early has performed in many productions since training at Guildford School of Acting, and has also been seen on TV in *Casualty*, *Mayo* and *Poirot*. The defining moment that inspired him to create this show was seeing Bill Hicks live in 1992. He has been a fan ever since.

LISTINGS INFORMATION

Bill Hicks: Slight Return at Pleasance Courtyard. Sub-venue: One (to 13 Aug) Beyond (21-28 Aug).

Pleasance One: 4 6 8 11 13 August 16.30 (17.30) Pleasance Beyond: 21 22 24-28 August 17.00 (18.00)

Tickets £5 (preview 4 August) £9.50/£8 (all other performances)

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