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# The Black Sheep

ACCLAIMED COMEDY DOUBLE ACT RETURN  
WITH AN ALL-NEW SKETCH SHOW DIRECTED BY  
OWEN POWELL (*Colin & Fergus, Alex Horne*)

Pleasance Dome (Venue 23)  
2 - 19 August 2006 17.30 (18.30)



The Black Sheep have returned to their roots with this all new sketch show. Ciaran Murtagh and Andrew Jones present an hour of sketches, characters, songs and silliness in their uniquely deranged style. Since working together as part of comedy troupe Ubersausage in 1999, they have been known for creating continually inventive and surreal comedy - this show is no exception.

**"Great comic writing combined with astounding performances & disturbing surrealism" Guardian**

Come on in, meet the guys and maybe even join them for a cup of tea and a Kinder Surprise. The Black Sheep will show you many strange sights - children's favourites Rod, Jane and Freddy Kreugar, incomprehensible advertising guru Max Shrapnel, a marriage tragically destroyed by one man's love for the blues harmonica - interspersed with upbeat ditties such as the religious conundrum 'Where's Jesus? (He's in the shed!)'.

**"You may think they're off their Riojas, but they'll make you laugh as Shiraz the nose on your face." The Daily Mail on *The Joy of Wine***

After three successful shows with Ubersausage, Andrew and Ciaran formed The Black Sheep. The sketch shows, comedy plays and children's shows that followed led them to extensive UK tours with *The Joy of Wine, FairLy Tales and Professor Bumm's Story Machine*. They were also invited to take a sketch show to Poland, the first show of its type to be seen on a Polish stage. Along the way they have picked up writing credits for BBC Radios 1 and 4 performed on ITV and the BBC and have told stories in lifts, planes and public toilets. They've now decided it is time to get back to where it all started, with a sketch show.

**"Belly laugh inducing mayhem." Evening Standard**

The Black Sheep was created in 2002 by Ciaran Murtagh and Andrew Jones, after early collaborations at the Central School of Speech and Drama. Their work has included sketch shows *The Black Sheep Show, Luxury Assortment* and *Year of the Sheep*, improvised shows *Professor Bumm's Story Machine, Fairly Tales, Story Pimp* and *Liberty Hall!*, biblical sitcom *Holy Days* at Soho Theatre, and comedies *The Joy of Wine* and *Road to Pisa*.

They are directed by Owen Powell, whose credits include Edinburgh shows by both Alex Horne and Colin and Fergus in 2004 and 2005. For the latter he won the Writers Guild Award for Sketch Comedy.

#### LISTINGS INFORMATION

The Black Sheep at Pleasance Dome. Sub-venue: 10Dome. 2 - 19 August 2006 at 17.30 (18.30)  
Tickets £4 (previews 2-5 August) £7.50/£6 (Monday-Thursday) £8.50/£7 (Friday-Sunday)  
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