



EDINBURGH FESTIVAL FRINGE 2006 - THEATRE

# Think No Evil of Us: My Life with Kenneth Williams

DAVID BENSON CELEBRATES 10TH BIRTHDAY OF FRINGE  
FIRST WINNER WITH A RETURN VISIT OF 10 SHOWS ONLY

Pleasance Courtyard (Venue 33)  
5 7 10 12 14 August 2006 16.00 (17.30)  
14 17 19 21 24 26 August 2006 12.00 (13.30)



David Benson's legendary solo show is back for a tenth anniversary limited season, celebrating the incredible ongoing popularity of this hilarious, endearing and uncanny drama. Since **Think No Evil of Us** first stunned Edinburgh audiences in 1996, Benson and alter-ego Williams have toured the length and breadth of the British Isles, including a triumphant season in London's West End. Now Benson returns to his masterpiece, bringing the show to new audiences and giving die-hard fans another opportunity to savour the wit and sheer dramatic flair of this unforgettable performance.

**"Unforgettable and inspirational theatre that has the audience cheering in admiration"**  
Independent on Sunday

**Think No Evil of Us** is Benson's attempt to break the mould of the 'biographical' show, eschewing dates, facts and over-familiar anecdotes. Instead he portrays Williams as a character rather than a historical figure, and building a portrait of a highly complex man. In the hilarious yet moving autobiographical section of the show, Benson explains his own 'link' with Williams: at the age of thirteen he wrote a story for the **Jackanory** Writing Competition - and won. He dreamed of having his story read on air by his hero, Spike Milligan. But to his dismay, it was read by the campest man in Britain: Kenneth Williams himself. The Williams connection was to prove something of a burden...

**"Brilliant... a truly remarkable event"** Mail on Sunday

Hailed by friends and colleagues of Kenneth's (including Barbara Windsor, Nicholas Parsons, Sheila Hancock, Barry Took and Dame Maggie Smith) as the most accurate portrayal of Kenneth Williams ever seen, **Think No Evil of Us** is an enduring testament to a much-missed entertainer.

**"A masterpiece of comic timing"** Evening Standard

David Benson is also appearing in his new one-man show *David Benson - Why Pay More?* at Pleasance Courtyard.

#### LISTINGS INFORMATION

Think No Evil Of Us: My Life With Kenneth Williams at **Pleasance Courtyard**. Sub-venue: One. Fringe Venue 33.  
5, 7, 10, 12, 14 August 2006 16.00 (17.30) and 14 17 19 21 24 26 August 2006 12.00 (13.30)

Tickets £5 (preview, 5 August) £9.50/£8 (All other dates)

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