



EDINBURGH FESTIVAL FRINGE 2006 - COMEDY

# Rebus McTaggart

DEBUT SOLO SHOW FROM AWARD-WINNING  
CHARACTER COMEDIAN RICHARD THOMSON

Smirnoff Underbelly (Venue 88)  
3 - 27 August 2006 (not 16 August) 15.05 (16.05)



This new character comedy written and performed by **Richard Thomson** introduces Ecclefechan's top cop **Inspector Rebus McTaggart**. His guided tour reveals the hectic schedule of McTaggart's crime-fighting mission, and how he deploys his crack techniques on the mean streets of his sleepy Borders village. This brilliantly observed character is particularly proud of his recent promotion to the dizzy heights of Joint Deputy Temporary Head Community Support Liaison Officer. It's an important job...

**"Very funny physical comedian who doesn't miss a cue" \*\*\*\* The Scotsman**

Thomson also plays three other characters from the policeman's world:

- **Evangelos** the Internet-certified psychiatrist whose song and dance will delight and amaze.
- **Margaret** the police artist, who creates an incredibly life-like portrait on the spot.
- **Benjy** the trusty police dog, who regularly sniffs out illegal substances in downtown Ecclefechan.

**"Definitely a star of tomorrow" \*\*\*\*\* Hairline Highlight Award Winner 2002**

With a wannabe Columbo as its star, the show reveals Thomson's impressive range as a character comedian, from stand-up style audience interaction as Rebus and a song-and-dance routine in the bearded guise of Evangelos, to the brilliant physical comedy when doing his wordless turn as the police hound. Having built his reputation through regular appearances in sketch and stand-up shows at the festival and on other stages around the UK in recent years, this solo debut confirms Thomson as an exciting new face in the world of character comedy.

**"Quirky and inventive, this is a pacy and entertaining comedy thriller"**  
*The Stage on previous show **The Big Briefcase***

**Richard Thomson** was born in Glasgow, and first appeared in Edinburgh in 1998 and 1999 as part of two Footlights tours directed by Cirque de Soleil's Cal McCrystal. At 2002's festival, he created and performed in *The Big Briefcase*, playing to sell-out crowds at the Pleasance. Since then, he has appeared at the Assembly Rooms as part of *Amused Moose Hot Comedy Starlets*, and regularly performs stand-up and sketch comedy around London. TV includes C4's *Garth Marengi's Darkplace* and ITV's *Quite Ugly One Morning*.

#### LISTINGS INFORMATION

**Rebus McTaggart** at **Smirnoff Underbelly**. Sub-venue: Belly Laugh. Fringe Venue 88.

3 - 27 August 2006 (no performance 16 August) at 15.05 (16.05)

Tickets £4 (previews 3/4 August) £7.50/£6.50 (Monday-Thursday) £8.50/£7.50 (Friday-Sunday)

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