



EDINBURGH FESTIVAL FRINGE 2006 - [THEATRE](#)

How To Build A Time Machine

SCIENCE FICTION SOLO DRAMA BACK FOR EIGHT
SHOWS ONLY AFTER ACCLAIMED 2005 PREMIERE

Pleasance Courtyard (Venue 33)
21 - 28 August 2006 13.00 (14.00)



Following a sell-out run at the Edinburgh fringe last year, Greg McLaren's funny and poignant one-man show is back for eight performances only, in an updated version directed by Alan Lane (Associate Director, West Yorkshire Playhouse) which has toured the UK throughout 2006.

*"It is hard to imagine anyone not enjoying this show. Highly recommended" ***** Edinburgh Guide*

All of us would like to travel in time, but eccentric scientist Doctor Patrick Beer has a very personal reason for wanting to build a time machine. Throughout this surreal and comic hour, the Doctor jumps between a lecture-style evangelisation of the science that makes time travel possible, and flashbacks that reveal other motivations behind his passionate interest in the field.

"Clever, comic and wistful." Lyn Gardner, The Guardian

Doctor Beer evokes the spirit of a Royal Institution Christmas lecture as he uses his spectators to demonstrate string theory. With the help of the contents of a garden shed, the Doctor explains the Universe and Black Holes with manic aplomb. In this fascinating exploration of time travel, the universe and the heart, each is used to explain the other, showing how they are all connected.

"You will leave the show entertained, enlightened and moved." The Stage

Greg McLaren is a writer and performer who has worked extensively on the London and Edinburgh fringes. Most recently he has devised and performed with the international ensemble Rotozaza and was part of the cast for Chris Goode's potted version of *The Godfather* created for Pizza Express. In 2004 he created *Lost Pirates*, an acclaimed ensemble comedy drama with music. For the 2003 festival he created the role of the doctor in *Napoleon in Exile* at the Traverse Theatre, prior to a London transfer. He also won plaudits for his performance in *Weepie* at Camden People's Theatre in 2004.

LISTINGS INFORMATION

How To Build a time Machine at Pleasance Courtyard. Sub-venue: ABOVE. Fringe Venue 33.
21 - 28 August 2006 at 13.00 (14.00)

Tickets £8.50 full price / £7 concessions

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Written and Performed by **Greg McLaren** - Directed by **Alan Lane**

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