



EDINBURGH FESTIVAL FRINGE 2008 - THEATRE

James Seabright for Festival Highlights presents

MY GRANDFATHER'S GREAT WAR

Underbelly's Baby Belly, 31 July - 24 August
(except 13 August) 2.45pm - 3.55pm

Adapted and directed by **David Benson**
from the diaries of **Captain Alexander Stewart**.
Performed by **Cameron Stewart**.



The World War One diaries of Captain Alexander Stewart meet the contemporary perspective of his grandson, the actor Cameron Stewart, who will step into his Grandfather's shoes as well as providing a very personal exploration of his family's experience of the last century. This new solo drama interweaves an incredibly frank account of trench warfare with the modern perspective of his grandson.

'Describes the grim reality of the Somme with a wry sense of humour similar to Blackadder.'
The Daily Telegraph

The diaries, as heard on BBC Radio 4's *Today* programme, remained a Stewart family heirloom for seventy years before Cameron published them online in late 2007, sparking an incredible amount of media interest and generating thousands of sales of the ebook version. They are published in hardback this June under the title *A Very Unimportant Officer* (Hodder & Stoughton).

Multi-award-winning performer **David Benson** adapts and directs this production, which features many of the hallmarks that set Benson's own solo work apart from the crowd: particularly its autobiographical aspect and the dark thread of comedy that emerges from the most unlikely of situations. David is best known in Edinburgh for his solo shows including *Think No Evil Of Us: My Life With Kenneth Williams*. He performs his new solo show *David Benson Sings Noel Coward* at the Assembly Rooms this year.

Cameron Stewart was nominated for Best Actor at the MEN Awards for *Larkin With Women*. Other theatre credits include the original production of Sir Alan Ayckbourn's *Things We Do for Love*; *Les Misérables*; Frank-n-Furter in *The Rocky Horror Show*. TV includes *Inbetweeners*, *Silent Witness*, *Coronation Street*, *Boyz Unlimited*, *Heartbeat*, *Eastenders*, *Holby City*, *Doctors* and *London's Burning*. He can also frequently be heard on Radio 4.

LISTINGS INFORMATION: My Grandfather's Great War

Underbelly's Baby Belly: Fringe venue 88, Sub-venue: Baby Belly 1

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Tickets: £6 previews 31 July & 1 August. Otherwise £9 - £10 (concessions £1 off).

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