



EDINBURGH FRINGE 2008 – COMEDY

Blue Box, Eleanor Lloyd, James Seabright for Festival Highlights, Anthony Field Associates, Skulduggery and Underbelly present

Elizabeth and Raleigh: Late But Live

By Stewart Lee. Directed by Owen Lewis.
With Simon Munnery as Queen Elizabeth I
and Miles Jupp as Sir Walter Raleigh.

**Udderbelly's Pasture 31 July - 25 August
(not 13 August) 10.35pm - 11.35pm**



Lee, Munnery & Jupp return to Edinburgh with a new show that puts the wittiest, wisest and most unforgiving of English Queens back where she belongs – upon a throne, and in front of an audience. Her Majesty will be introduced by great Elizabethan potato hero and would-be suitor, Sir Walter Raleigh. He's in love with Elizabeth, the spiritual embodiment of England. But will he end up in her bed, or will he lose his head? Potatoes, tobacco, Elizabethan dance, cross-dressing, xenophobia and laughs galore from the writer, director and performers behind *Johnson And Boswell: Late But Live*, which played to critical acclaim at the Traverse Theatre at last year's fringe and toured throughout Scotland this year.

'Snortingly funny is the only way to describe it.' Daily Telegraph on *Johnson & Boswell: Late But Live*

Stewart Lee (writer) was voted the 41st best stand-up ever in a recent Channel 4 poll. He co-wrote and directed the Olivier award winner *Jerry Springer – The Opera*. As well as various TV and radio credits both with comedy partner Richard Herring and in his own right, Lee regularly works in the theatre, including with Johnny Vegas on the play *Interiors* for Manchester International Festival. Director **Owen Lewis'** Edinburgh credits include *Touch* by Bill Dare (Pleasance); *Loaded* with Scott Capurro (Pleasance); and *Bridget Christie's Cheese Roll* (Holyrood Tavern). Other directing credits include *Pete and Dud: Come Again* (West End & UK tour); and *The Lady Of Burma* (Riverside Studios and tour). He also directs Faultless & Torrance's *The Three Musketeers* at Underbelly this year.

The cast is **Simon Munnery** (Queen Elizabeth I) and **Miles Jupp** (Sir Walter Raleigh). Munnery's work as a writer and performer for TV includes *Attention Scum* which was nominated for a Golden Rose of Montreux. He previously worked with Lee in 2002 on *Pea Green Boat* (Traverse). Jupp is best known for his stand-up comedy (Perrier Best Newcomer nominee 2003) and regularly appears on stage and screen. TV work as a stand-up includes *The World Stands Up* (Paramount) and *Live Floor Show* (BBC Scotland). He also appears as Archie The Inventor in popular kids TV series *Balamory*.

LISTINGS INFORMATION – Elizabeth and Raleigh: Late But Live
Udderbelly's Pasture. Fringe venue: 300, Sub-venue: Cow Barn
Previews 31 July & 1 August £7.00 Tickets £11 - £13.50 (concessions £1 off) Unsuitable for under 16s.
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