



EDINBURGH FRINGE 2009 - MUSICALS

Barbershopera and Festival Highlights present

## BARBERSHOPERA II

By Rob Castell and Tom Sadler

In collaboration with and directed by Sarah Tipple

Pleasance Dome: 5 - 31 Aug 10.45 pm - 11.45 pm  
(not 12 or 19) plus matinee: 17 Aug 5.30pm - 6.30pm

**Barbershop's funniest quartet are back with an all-new show. Expect laughs, tears and stampeding cows - all in four-part harmony.**

Following sell-out success, critical acclaim and awards in 2008, Barbershopera return to the Fringe with an all-new, a cappella, comedy musical. This time the talented foursome tell the story of a Catalan matador who inherits his dead father's barbershop in Shavingham, Norfolk.

*A feast of frenetic ridiculousness and technically superb singing. \*\*\*\* The Scotsman*

Will our young hero manage to enchant the locals with his continental flair? How will he fare against local favourite Trevor Sorbet in a frenzied, high-stakes, coiffeurs' 'cut-off'? Can he win the heart of the beautiful town crier? And will he ever leave Norfolk again?

*Barbershopera!* won rave reviews at Edinburgh Fringe 2008 and Most Promising New Musical and Best Lyrics at the Musical Theatre Matters Awards. It has since played a London season at Theatre 503 where a Christmas version of the show put smiles on the faces of credit crunch victims from across the capital, which preceded a national tour in Spring 2009.

*A delicious hour of light entertainment. \*\*\*\* Metro*

The co-writing team of **Rob Castell** and **Tom Sadler** and director **Sarah Tipple** have come together again to create another madcap but beautifully harmonious show for the 2009 fringe. They perform with returning 'barbershopper' **Lara Stubbs**, whilst **Pete Sorel-Cameron** makes his debut with the company.

Director **Sarah Tipple's** other recent work includes *Bay* (Young Vic); *Mad Funny Just* (Theatre503); and *The Wrong Man* (Pleasance Islington and Edinburgh & on tour).

**Rob Castell** and **Tom Sadler** are also performing as *The Bodega Brothers* in *Afternoon Delight* at Pleasance Courtyard this year, which sets comic social commentary to music through original songs.

LISTINGS INFORMATION: Barbershopera II

Pleasance Dome Fringe Venue 23, Sub-venue: QueenDome. Bristo Square, EH8 9AL

5 - 31 August (not 12 & 19) 10.45 pm - 11.45 pm

£5 previews 5 - 7 August Otherwise £10 - £11 (conc. £1 off)

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