



EDINBURGH FESTIVAL FRINGE 2009 COMEDY

Kat Portman for Festival Highlights presents

BRITAIN'S BEST MATES

Written and performed by Jamie Glassman & Matthew Steer
Written and directed by Brett Goldstein

Pleasance Dome

5 - 31 August (except 10 & 19 August) 5 pm - 6 pm

Phil and Phill are Britain's Best Mates. This ultimate tale of 'bromance*' comes from the double act of Matthew Steer and two-time Emmy nominee Jamie Glassman.

Phil and Phill spend all their time together - watching sports, playing X-Box and talking about talking to girls. They seem like typical lads, refusing to 'grow-up' and obsessed with rugby, the perfect woman, lads' mags, each other and becoming the next Ant and Dec. In celebration of their bromance, they won a national competition in Lads! Magazine to be crowned Britain's Best Mates.

Somewhat in denial about their talents and much of their lives - how successful, funny, interesting and heterosexual they are - the pair's eternal optimism makes it hard not to enjoy their company. The most delusional of duos come to Edinburgh to share the secrets of their bizarre friendship in this award-winning character comedy.

Jamie and Matt were first seen as Britain's Best Mates on Paramount, where they won The Comedy Smalls, 2007. Co-writer and performer **Jamie Glassman**, as part of the writing team for *Da Ali G Show* (Channel 4 & HBO) is a past winner of multiple awards including a BAFTA and a British Comedy Award and has been nominated twice for Emmy Awards and International Emmy Awards for Comedy. Jamie was also Artistic Director, writer and performer in theatre company *Piggy Nero* who delighted Edinburgh, national and international theatre audiences with two award-winning comedy shows: *Bubonic Play* (Pick of The Fringe 2005) and *Hello Dalai* (Best Farce, 2006). He is Creative Consultant to **Sacha Baron Cohen** and Universal Pictures on new film, *Brûno*, which premieres in London on 17 June.

Matthew Steer has been performing on stage and screen since he was nine. Recent stage credits include *Hamburg* (Edinburgh 2006); *The Steppe Brothers* (Edinburgh 2005); and *Out Of The Blue* (Liverpool Everyman). His work for television includes *Silent Witness* (BBC); *The Royal* (ITV); and *EastEnders*, where Matt brought 17 million viewers to tears as Matt Lindsay with his proposal to Janine Butcher in the café. She declined. **Brett Goldstein** is an actor, writer, director and comedian. He has three feature films in pre-production and his latest play *Success Story*, in which he also performs, is at the Pleasance Courtyard at 2pm.

Come and laugh at Phil and Phill. Don't feel bad, they'll think you're laughing with them! A tongue-in-cheek character comedy on the modern day addiction to celebrity for its own sake and the birth of the '30 year old man-child.'

* BROMANCE (Courtesy of Webster's Dictionary): Etymology: Middle English Bromauns, from Late Latin Bromanus
1 a (1): A close relationship between two seemingly straight men where they start to seem like a couple.
1 b (2): The intense love shared between two males that have an understanding, in a way no woman could ever realise.

LISTINGS INFORMATION: Britain's Best Mates

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

5 - 31 August (not 10 & 19) 5.00pm - 6.00pm. £5 previews 5 - 7 August Otherwise £8.50 - £9.50 (conc. £1 off)

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