



EDINBURGH FRINGE 2009 - THEATRE

Festival Highlights presents

# MY GRANDFATHER'S GREAT WAR

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

Gilded Balloon Teviot: 8 - 16 August 1.15pm - 2.25pm

**The 2008 fringe hit returns for one week only following critical and audience acclaim, including a nomination from The Stage for Best Solo Performance.**

The World War One diaries of **Captain Alexander Stewart** meet the contemporary perspective of his grandson, the actor **Cameron Stewart**, who steps into his Grandfather's shoes as well as providing a very personal exploration of his family's experience of the last century. The show interweaves an incredibly frank account of trench warfare in The Great War with current notions of war and patriotism.

*'The most affecting show in town is a simple, honest tribute by one man to his grandfather.'*  
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 were published in hardback in June 2008 under the title *A Very Unimportant Officer* (Hodder & Stoughton).

*'Stewart's absorbing one-man show vividly evokes the horror and the excitement of life on the front line in World War I.'* METRO \*\*\*\*

**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*; and 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.

Multi-award-winning performer **David Benson** adapted and directed the 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 for his solo shows including *Think No Evil Of Us: My Life With Kenneth Williams*. He is performing both *David Benson Sings Noel Coward* and brand new show *Doctor whom? My Search Of Samuel Johnson* at Assmby Rooms this Fringe.

LISTINGS INFORMATION: My Grandfather's Great War  
Gilded Balloon Teviot, Fringe venue 14, Sub-venue: Wine Bar  
8 - 16 August 1.15pm - 2.25pm  
£10 - £11 (concessions £1 off)  
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