



EDINBURGH FESTIVAL FRINGE 2009

Showstopper Productions in association with  
The Sticking Place and Festival Highlights present

## SHOWSTOPPER! THE IMPROVISED MUSICAL

Musical Theatre at George Square  
7 - 30 August 10.50 pm - 12 am (except 18 & 24 August)  
*Special Guest Matinées* 17 & 24 August 2.50 pm - 4 pm

After a triumphant debut in 2008 with sell-out Edinburgh and London seasons, the Showstoppers return to improvise 24 new musicals at the Edinburgh fringe.

*Showstopper!* is entirely improvised: a brand new musical is created each night. A writer has just one hour to create a hit show to impress his producer. Stuck for ideas, he takes audience suggestions for a title, storylines and musical styles that they'd like to see in the show. The Showstoppers then create a musical from scratch based around that structure. Utterly unpredictable, frequently side-splittingly funny, packed with drama and featuring dazzling dance routines and catchy melodies, *Showstopper!* leaves delighted audiences singing all the way home.

*'Has to be seen to be believed! The best musical improv group we've ever seen.'*  
Time Out Critics Choice

This Showstoppers are once again inviting comedy and theatre critics to get rather more involved, by joining them on stage. This gives the critics the opportunity to fashion their own perfect five star show by prompting the themes and direction of the piece. Contact Kate Gambrell for details.

Special guest matinees take place on 17 & 24 August, with exciting star names to be revealed soon. Previous guest shows have featured Matt Lucas, Mark Ravenhill, and Mike McShane... who will be next?

*'For sheer madcappery, and refreshingly wholesome, good-natured musical slapstick, this musical high-wire act is hard to beat.'* \*\*\*\*\* Independent On Sunday

The Showstoppers are: Chris Ash, Duncan Walsh Atkins, Ruth Bratt, Julie Clare, Dylan Emery, Pippa Evans (If.comedy Newcomer nominee 2008), Sean McCann, Adam Meggido, Philip Pellew, Oliver Senton, Nathan Taylor and Lucy Trodd.

Created by Dylan Emery and Adam Meggido. Produced by Adam Meggido, Dylan Emery and Keith Strachan. General management by James Seabright. Choreographic consultant Donna Berlin.

LISTINGS INFORMATION - Showstopper! The Improvised Musical  
Musical Theatre at George Square (Sub-venue: George 4) Fringe Venue 37  
7 - 30 August 10.50 pm - 12 am (except 18 & 24 August)  
Matinees (in George 1) 17 & 24 August 2.50 pm - 4 pm  
£7 preview 7 August. Otherwise £10.50 - £11.50 (concessions £1 off)  
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