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## Third Absurd **Squeeze Harder, Zanni!** by Harry Lidford and Con Best



**An enthralling journey into the life of one snobbish man who is desperately attempting to help his idiotic servant find love, no matter how ridiculous the strategy. Lose yourself in a fast-paced comedy where nothing really goes to plan!**

The Doctor, a self-proclaimed genius, is as pompous as his senseless servant, Zanni, is stupid. After enduring Zanni's ridiculous, and frankly embarrassing, behaviour for years, The Doctor finally decides to help his dim-witted sidekick find a woman. She must be someone who can love Zanni no matter his flaws and who can hopefully put up with his foolish antics! By any means necessary, The Doctor endeavours to find Zanni his soul-mate, even if it means taking the whole performance to do it. However, as events transpire that paint the two in very similar lights, the outcome is not as originally expected.

Using virtually no set, this newly devised production relies heavily on physical theatre and slapstick based on the cartoonish style of Commedia dell'Arte. This combined with a witty and entertaining script will have you completely immersed in a story of a desperate man looking for love. Having been extended from what was originally a ten-minute piece, **Squeeze Harder, Zanni!** explores just how far a man will go to help his pathetic excuse for a servant.

**Third Absurd**, the mind behind this performance, is a fresh new company based in Stockton-on-Tees. They have aimed to create a performance that will have everyone clutching their sides with laughter and, judging by the local performances they've done so far, it seems that goal has been accomplished. Third Absurd is composed of two members, both of whom have been starring in the play as well as continually developing it since early 2016 to make it as funny as it can be.

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### Listings Information

Venue C primo, Lodge N° 1, Hill Street, EH2 3JP, venue 41  
Dates 2-28 Aug (not 14)  
Time 20:45 (1h00)  
Ticket prices £8.50-£10.50 / concessions £6.50-£8.50  
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