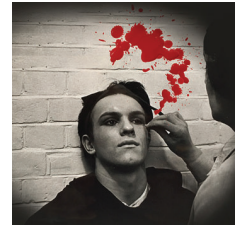


Noontide Sun and Christopher Hunter Venus and Adonis William Shakespeare



'Love is all truth, lust full of forged lies'

With an impressive body of work including *Sherlock*, *51st State*, *Mr Selfridge*, *Silent Witness*, *The Bill*, and *Dracula*, leading theatre, television and film actor **Christopher Hunter** makes his Edinburgh Fringe debut this year, in his new solo interpretation of Shakespeare's **Venus and Adonis**.

In this extraordinary dramatisation, Christopher Hunter brings a young William Shakespeare's little-known but highly successful first published poem, **Venus and Adonis**, to life.

Christopher Hunter re-imagines Shakespeare's powerful narrative of the complex two-sided nature of illicit attraction, desire, love, rejection, death, and the consequent disappearance of beauty from the world. Audiences will quickly discover that this comic, tragic and at times erotic work, written in 1593, could have been written for today's audiences.

When examined through the twenty-first century prism, **Venus and Adonis** becomes the story of an innocent young boy who walks out of his front door one morning, is sexually assaulted by an older woman, and never returns home.

Christopher Hunter became intrigued by the psychology of the characters in Shakespeare's poem, and the possibility of turning it into a play. He said: 'During this process, something darker and more disturbing began to emerge from the soft-focus of Elizabethan erotica, the beauty of Venus and Adonis lies not only in the gripping story but also in the youthful vibrancy of its language which makes it incredibly easy for a modern audience to access and appreciate'.

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Venue	C primo, Lodge N° 1, Hill Street, EH2 3JP, venue 41
Dates	2-28 Aug (not 14)
Time	15:15 (1h00)
Ticket prices	£9.50-£11.50 / concessions £7.50-£9.50 / under 18s £5.50-£7.50
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