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PRESS RELEASE

Second Sons Swan Bake by Samson Hawkins



Brighton Fringe Award-nominated Swan Bake splices punk puppetry, alt-ballet and DIY theatre for people who don't like theatre, to tell the story of a drug-addicted ballet dancer

We are all in the gutter, but Bell is hallucinating tap dancing gimps. Bell gets kicked out of the Royal Ballet School for having a crippling drug addiction, and is completely lost. She has something going for her, her girlfriend Maria, but Maria is married, to God. Having a lesbian relationship with an abstinent nun does have its foibles, but Maria isn't like the other nuns. Unfortunately, Maria being the one cool nun gets her into some trouble with the Church, and when a hot shot young priest, who hosts religious television show 'Christ Time' blackmails the girls, their lives are thrown into chaos.

Second Sons artistic director and writer/director of **Swan Bake**, **Samson Hawkins** is a theatre maker from Crowfield, Northamptonshire. Having trained at both **Italia Conti** and **East 15** he founded **Second Sons Theatre Company**. A graduate of **The Royal Court's** Writing Group & **The Soho Writers Lab** (where he was shortlisted for The Soho Theatre's Young Writers Awards) he has also directed *Sex with a Stranger* at The **Pleasance** and *Gun Metal Blue* at **The Old Red Lion**. Samson was also an assistant director on the multi award winning *5 Guy's Chillin'*.

Bell is played by **Kate Dolan**, an actor and comedian who has recently finished a national tour of Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap*. Maria is played by **Shannon Giles**, a recent graduate from Swansea, while **Alex Stevens** plays Rupert.

'Ingenious and hilarious' **** Broadway Baby

'There is something laugh out loud worthy every couple of minutes (maybe less)' **** London City Nights

'An extraordinarily imaginative, visually exciting piece of theatre. I was irresistibly sucked into a world... both disturbing and exciting; the images still linger.' Kate Williams, Actor, Quadrophenia, Love Thy Neighbour, Eastenders

Credits

Writer and Director Samson Hawkins
Designer Emma Lynch
Sound Designer Matt Kirk

Listings Information

Venue	C royale, venue 6, Edinburgh Festival Fringe
Dates	2-28 Aug
Time	14:40 (0h55)
Ticket prices	£8.50-£10.50 / concessions £6.50-£8.50
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Fringe box office	0131 226 0000 / www.edfringe.com

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