

C theatre Dickens for Dinner



From the funny folk from Shakespeare for Breakfast comes a gag-packed performance: dinner with a deliciously Dickensian twist.

Thrown into the contemporary world and drenched with comedy, this venerable Victorian tale of a poor orphaned boy is a fast paced gander with a wickedly funny flavour. Filled to the brim with soup and other heart-warming additives, Dickens For Dinner is a truly surreal repast, featuring a deliciously daring look at this classic British author with a feverishly funny flavour.

The hearty second course that you need after breakfast, **Dickens for Dinner** is back! Our fantastic cast will transport you to the Victorian era for a unique spin on *Oliver Twist* that will have you asking for more.

With the comedy professionals of both TV and stage, this is a cast renowned for their quick witted improvisation and well honed comedic timing. The same cast can also be caught serving up coffee and croissants with **Shakespeare For Breakfast**, at 10am in C viva.

It's Dickens gone delirious as this fringe veteran brings back their contemporary flair and tendency towards the bizarre.

Returning director **Damian Sandys** brings his bold originality to reimagining this classic story. His other directing credits include Gary Barlow & Tim Firth's *Calendar Girls – The Musical* (UK Tour); *The Kite Runner* (Playhouse Theatre, London / UK Tour), *When Midnight Strikes* (nominated for Best Musical Production in the Off West End Awards) and the London revival of *Tick, Tick... Boom!* (Union Theatre). He has worked with C theatre since 2006.

The talented and energetic cast comprises five Dickens4Dins stalwarts: **Roseanna Connolly** (*NewsRevue*; *Call The Midwife*; *Make All Women Safe*); **Emily Jane Kerr** (*NewsRevue*; *HRHaitch*; *Notflix – The Improvised Musical*); **Laura Beth Mortemore** (*Teletubbies* UK Tour; BBC 1 *Pitch Battle*; Principal Vocalist, Cruise Ships); **John Oakes** (Russell Kane's *Fakespeare*; *Giraffe*; Radio Essex); **Chris Thomson** (*Honk!*, UK Tour; *NewsRevue*; *Norris and Parker: See You At The Gallows*).

The same cast perform **Shakespeare for Breakfast** at 12.30pm in C viva.

Acclaim for previous editions of **Dickens for Dinner**:

'Irreverent comedy' ★★★★★ *Fringe Guru*

'Carousing comedy' ★★★★★ *RemoteGoat*

'One of the funniest, silliest fringe shows' *AYoungerTheatre.com*

Notes to Editors:

C theatre is the in-house producing company of C venues at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, and produces new and classic drama as well as its own children's theatre programme, popular at the Edinburgh Festival and on tour both internationally and in the UK. **Dickens for Dinner** is one of seven shows produced or co-produced by C theatre this Festival.

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Listings Information

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| Venue | C viva, 130 George Street/Charlotte Square, venue 16 |
| Dates | 31 Jul-26 Aug (not 13) |
| Time | 12:30 (Ohr55) |
| Ticket prices | £7.50-£9.50 / concessions £5.50-£7.50 / under 18s £3.50-£5.50 |
| C venues box office | 0131 581 5555 / www.CtheFestival.com/2019/dickens-for-dinner |
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