

WINNER OF 2018 EDINBURGH COMEDY AWARD FOR BEST NEWCOMER CIARÁN DOWD RETURNS TO THE FRINGE WITH HIGHLY ANTICIPATED FOLLOW-UP 'PADRE RODOLFO'

"joyous, award-winning hour, in which Irish comedian Dowd plays a swashbuckling Lothario, is essentially a one-man panto for grown-ups who don't like panto" **The Telegraph**

"a happy hour of gleefully Fringey late-night nonsense: nonsense sustained, it should be said, by deceptive quantities of craftsmanship behind all the loopy swordfighting, sweaty singing, liberty-taking crowdplay and parodic storytelling"

★★★★**The Times**

"comedy of the most ridiculous variety" ★★★★★ **The Guardian**

"a riot from beginning to end...a cult hit" ★★★★★ **Chortle**

Winner of the Edinburgh Comedy Award for Best Newcomer 2018 for his smash hit *Don Rodolfo*, Ciarán Dowd returns to the Edinburgh Festival Fringe with the highly anticipated follow-up, supernatural action-adventure *Padre Rodolfo* from 31st July to 25th August at 9.45pm at Pleasance Upstairs.

In the wake of an unspeakable tragedy, world-famous lothario, swordsman and butthead Rodolfo turns his back on his lifestyle – rejects the sword, takes a vow of chastity and joins the priesthood. But as dark forces rise he must face personal demons and battle actual demons.

As well as following his sell-out run at last year's Fringe with two successful runs at Soho Theatre and a nomination for Breakthrough Act at the 2019 Chortle Awards, Ciarán is currently developing his own scripted comedy for the BBC, has appeared in *Josh* (BBC1), *GameFace* (E4/Hulu), *Zapped* (Dave), and has made the most guest appearances on *Drunk History* (Comedy Central). This year he can be seen in Stephen Merchant's feature film *Fighting With My Family* (Film4) and *Keith Lemon: Coming in America* (ITV2). Ciarán has also recently been seen on stage in the new comedy play *Chasing Bono* by Dick Clement and Ian La Frenais (writers of *Porridge*, *The Likely Lads* and *Auf Wiedersehen Pet*) at the Soho Theatre. Ciarán is also a member of the critically acclaimed sketch group BEASTS. BEASTS have made numerous appearances on BBC Radio 4, were nominated for the Amused Moose Comedy Awards in 2014 and their sell-out shows were among the top reviewed at the Edinburgh Fringe in 2014, 2015 and 2016.

Further praise for Ciarán Dowd's Don Rodolfo

"the single funniest thing you will see this year" **The Telegraph**

"Ridiculous and merciless comedy travelogue about a lecherous flashing blade" ★★★★★ **The List**

"an hour of hilarious character comedy" ★★★★★ **The Telegraph**

"a magnificently realised piece of character comedy that packs an incredible amount of storytelling into its single hour" ★★★★★ **Fest**

★★★★★ **Ed Fest Mag, Voice**

★★★★ **The Scotsman, The Herald**

EDINBURGH FRINGE LISTINGS INFORMATION

Ciarán Dowd – Padre Rodolfo

Venue: Pleasance Upstairs

Date & Time: 31st July to 25th August at 9.45pm (not on 14th)

Duration: 60 min

Web: www.edfringe.com

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