



Pericles sets sail for the Fringe

Edinburgh-based theatre company Siege Perilous is preparing to wow lovers of classics visiting this year's Fringe Festival with its latest contemporary adaptation; Shakespeare's 'Pericles'.

Directed by Andy Corelli, the show follows the adventures of Pericles, the handsome Prince of Tyre and perhaps one of Shakespeare's lesser known heroes. The audience travel across 16 years with Pericles, inherently a 'good guy' from a privileged upbringing, on a series of fantastical experiences through his roller-coaster life as he attempts to keep ahead of an assassin.

The comedy and humour of this moving story is balanced with great tragedy and the darkness of family secrets, such as incest. The energy of the show is enhanced with pulsating music, slick dance moves, a brothel and a game show. It is being performed throughout the whole of the Fringe Festival at Sweet ECA (Sweet Upstairs).

Andy Corelli, who was invited to direct a new piece of writing at this year's NewWriting NewWorlds Festival in Glasgow, says: "Though it's not one of Shakespeare's better known plays, I have been amazed at how many in the acting community have worked on or know the play, yet the stock response from theatre goers is that they've never heard of it. I like the idea of taking something relatively obscure and seeing what can be done with it".

The production has been entirely created and sourced in Edinburgh, including actors, designers, and photographer, with all photos shot around Leith.

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Notes to editors

1) Show times and contacts details (photos available):

Show title	Venue	Date
Pericles	Sweet ECA (Sweet Upstairs) venue 186, Edinburgh College of Art	Friday 3 rd – Monday 27 th August
Time	Duration	Prices
3 – 12 August 12.50 – 14.05 (75 mins) 16 – 27 August 12.50 – 14.05 (75 mins)	75 minutes	£7.50/£5.00 Previews 5 th & 6 th £4.00
Press contact – Josef Church 07887 811 091 / 0131 477 4154. General enquiries - Sam Hudson 0131 554 3005, or email enquiries@siegeperilous.co.uk	Fringe Box Office 0131 226 0000 www.edfringe.com	Sweet Upstairs, Sweet ECA 020 7404 6411 www.sweet-uk.net/



- 2) For media enquiries and photos contact production communications manager, Josef Church, on 0131 477 4154 / 07887 811 091, or production PA, Sam Hudson, on 0131 554 3005. You can also email us on enquiries@siegeperilous.co.uk.
- 3) For more information about Siege Perilous, go to: www.siegeperilous.co.uk.
- 4) The venue, Sweet Upstairs at Sweet ECA (venue 186), is based at the Edinburgh College of Art, Lauriston Place/Lady Lawson Street, EH3 9DF. As a result of the much-publicised last minute withdrawal of The Apostolic - our original venue - this is a change to what is printed in the Fringe Programme and we are delighted to be performing at Sweet Upstairs. Our own version of crossing choppy waters and winning the day!
- 5) One of the production's main Partners is Telford College. In addition to all their help, one of the show's actors Becky Martin graduated from Telford and is going on to study at Italia Conti Academy of Theatre Arts in September.
- 6) Another of the production's main Partners is Napier University Business School where the Producer achieved a professional marketing qualification. A sponsor of this year's Edinburgh Festival Fringe, NUBS will again host a 2-hour 'The Festival Debate' on 15 August at 2.00 p.m.
- 7) The original Chopper bike featured in the publicity shots was kindly loaned to us by Ewan the (past Scottish BMX Champion) owner of Odd Ball Mall, a funky wee BMX, lowrider and street wear shop in Tollcross in Edinburgh. Fiercely independent and proud of it.