

Boost for local theatre company's 2010 programme

After a successful launch in 2009, Siege Perilous is about to commence its 2010 programme of work with a new play called 'Suspicious Minds'. Moreover, its 2009 programme attracted the support of local photographer Gary Daniell and this has led to a funding award from Arts & Business, the first for the small theatre company.

The award from Arts & Business was under its New Arts Sponsorship grants. Funded by the Scottish Government and delivered by Arts & Business, it aims to build private sector sponsorship of the arts. The Grants provide match funding for new arts sponsors, doubling their sponsorship benefits.

Commenting on the award, Siege Perilous Artistic Director Andy Corelli said "We are delighted to receive this support from Arts & Business. It will enable the company to put on a programme of five shows this year and help sustain low ticket prices to encourage a wider cross section of the community to see live theatre."

The first show will be from published Edinburgh-based writer Caroline Dunford. 'Suspicious Minds' is a new work which unravels the tangled personalities of 4 close friends. As the play unfolds it is clear there is more to these characters than meets the eye. Bouncing between the present and past, between narrative and drama, a mystery unfolds involving sex, drugs, rock n roll...and the death of a life-long Elvis fan. Comedy, pathos and tragedy combine in this play to remind us who we are as adults is shaped by who we were as children.

Caroline is a member of the Crime Writers Association and the Scottish Playwrights Society. With a background in journalism and psychotherapy, 'Suspicious Minds' combines her love of macabre puzzles, psychology and rule breaking writing. Winner of mentorships with both the Playwrights Studio Scotland and The Scottish Book Trust, she is also author of the recently released crime series, The Euphemia Martins Mysteries the first of which, "A Death in the family", was published by Yorkshire Publisher Eprint in October 2009. Recently she was part of the sell-out series of short plays, Ten, at the Traverse Theatre. With both non-fiction and short stories under her belt, Caroline brings a strong insight into human nature to her work.

The show will run from 25-29 May at the GRV with tickets priced at just £6 each. Since opening its doors to live theatre in 2009, the GRV is attracting the attention of an increasing range of small theatre companies.

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Notes to editors

1) Show times and contacts details for media enquiries and photos:

Show title	Venue	Date
'Suspicious Minds'	The GRV, 37 Guthrie St, Edinburgh EH1 1JG	25 – 29 May 2010
Time	Duration	Prices
8.00 p.m	Approximately 75 minutes	£6
Press contact	Tickets	
Tina Finch – 07720 288620	Online: www.wegottickets.com Tel: 0131 554 3005 (Siege Perilous)	

2) For media enquiries and photos contact Tina Finch on 0131 554 3005/ 07720 288620. You can also email us on info@siegeperilous.co.uk.

3) Siege Perilous is a small-scale theatre production company based in Edinburgh. Run by co-founders Andy Corelli and Tina Finch, the company aims to invigorate small-scale theatre in Edinburgh outwith the Fringe, and match that which is available to see in Glasgow. With the agility and flexibility afforded by a small company, Siege Perilous's focus is on giving new writers a platform for their work to be seen. For more information about Siege Perilous, go to www.siegeperilous.co.uk.

4) About Arts & Business:

- Arts & Business (A&B) is the national charity dedicated to encouraging new and sustainable arts and business relationships.
- Arts & Business (A&B) helps strengthen communities by developing creative and effective partnerships between business and the arts.
- Arts & Business work with over 350 business members and over 800 arts organisations across the UK.
- Each year A&B turns six million pounds of UK government money into over 100 million pounds worth of support for the Arts.

For more information please contact Katriona Holmes at Arts & Business Scotland, Tel: 0131 556 3353, Email: Katriona.Holmes@ArtsandBusiness.org.uk.

5) The GRV is a multi-media venue regularly hosting live bands, club nights, comedy, poetry reading, film screenings and casino nights. The upper floors - the White Rooms - are equipped with retractable raked seating and a separate bar room. For more information about The GRV, go to : www.thegrv.com.

6) Edinburgh-based Gary Daniell Photography specialises in dramatic works in theatre and live performance, and has amassed a library of work from a range of productions at the Edinburgh Fringe since 2007. For more information about Gary Daniell Photography go to
<http://www.garydaniellphotography.org.uk>

7) Caroline Dunford can be contacted on verdandiweaves@mac.com and on mobile 07811 328484. More information can be found on <http://www.writeforward.blogspot.com/>