

Top team for new theatre hot spot

Two established Edinburgh-based companies have teamed up to launch an exciting new theatrical venture in Edinburgh's city centre. Theatre company Siege Perilous and multi-media arts venue The GRV are to introduce an annual programme of theatre productions in one of The GRV's newly refurbished spaces in Guthrie Street.

Each show will run for four nights from Sunday to Wednesday. The audience will be treated to a quality show, and with tickets at a single fixed price of £5 for each performance across the entire programme, they will have plenty to smile about as they relax before or after with a chilled drink or cocktail in the venue's cosy, funky bar.

The newly refurbished 60-seat venue will host a programme compiled by Siege Perilous, of their own work and that of other invited theatre companies. This will comprise mainly new writing complemented by adaptations of existing works. The venture will thus provide even greater opportunities for emerging new writers and performers.

Kicking the programme off on 15th February, Director Andy Corelli has selected two pieces of new writing. First on the programme is 'Night Duty' (or 'The Unreliable Ramblings of Madmen!') by Mark Russell. It takes an irreverent and surreal look at the world of politics, philosophy and physics through the eyes of a trio who between them have more characters than the 'Three Faces of Eve'! A fast-paced, satirical, comical drama which was well-received when first performed at the 2006 *NewWriting NewWorlds Festival* in Glasgow. This piece of work deserved to be performed again and we are delighted to present it, updated to reflect current political events. Running time – 30 minutes

After a 15-minute interval, the second show is 'Desk Job' by Paul Bishop. This was first performed at a rehearsed reading by the respected Actors and Writers London where it received an enthusiastic reception and positive feedback. Now it gets its first staged performance. This dark comedy takes a critical look at the perceived hierarchies in the 9-5 office world. It is performed as a series of short, sharp scenes between manager and subordinate with a sweet twist at the end! Running time – approximately 45 minutes. Tickets for the whole evening will be £5.

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Notes to editors

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

Show title	Venue	Date
'Night Duty' / 'Desk Job'	The GRV, 37 Guthrie St, Edinburgh	15-18 February 2009
Time	Duration	Prices
8.00 p.m	90 minutes in total including interval	£5
Press contact -	Tickets	Tickets
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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) For more information about Siege Perilous, go to: www.siegeperilous.co.uk.

4) For more information about The GRV, go to : www.thegrv.co.uk

5) Mark Russell can be contacted at citywin6-0@hotmail.com, 07906 854740

6) Paul Bishop can be contacted at pbish17@hotmail.com, 01206 520381