



## Sam Goodburn: *Dumbstruck*

Presented by Underbelly and Sam Goodburn

Underbelly Cowgate (Belly Button), 66 Cowgate, Edinburgh, EH1 1JX

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2017 (not 14<sup>th</sup>), 14:40

*Dumbstruck*, a world premiere by multi-award-winning performer Sam Goodburn, tells the story of an endearing young man taking his first steps into adulthood. This exciting lo-fi circus show features offbeat comedy, world class unicycling, juggling, knife throwing and impeccable feats with sliced bread.

Directed by renowned clown Fraser Hooper, *Dumbstruck* showcases the amazing skills of Underbelly's Circus Maximus Winner - a competition held at the Underbelly Festival on London's South Bank to find an exciting new circus performer.

*Dumbstruck* takes place 'the morning after' as Sam creeps around a girl's apartment, collecting his discarded clothes from the night before; as he wonders what on earth he's doing, he learns that his introverted nerdiness can actually be joyous, empowering and just a little bit charming.

Underbelly director Ed Bartlam comments, *Underbelly are delighted to welcome Circus Maximus winner Sam Goodburn to the Fringe this year. Circus Maximus was created to discover and nurture homegrown circus talent and to give young performers a chance to showcase their work on an international platform at the world's biggest arts festival. Sam was chosen for his outstanding skills and creativity in the 2015 Circus Maximus competition and we are very much looking forward to his Edinburgh debut.*

Director Fraser Hooper comments, *I'm thrilled to be working with Sam Goodburn on this new exciting project. His unique skill set combined with his ease at making audiences laugh is such a great recipe for creating a wonderful circus comedy show.*

## Notes to Editors

Title	Sam Goodburn: <i>Dumbstruck</i>
Performance Dates	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> August (not 14 <sup>th</sup> ), 14:40
Running time	60 minutes
Location	Underbelly Cowgate (Belly Button), 66 Cowgate, Edinburgh, EH1 1JX
Box Office	Tickets are available from <a href="http://www.underbellyedinburgh.co.uk">www.underbellyedinburgh.co.uk</a> or 03333 444 167 Previews: £7 Weekday: £11.50 (£10.50) Weekend: £12.50 (£11.50)
Twitter	#Dumbstruck, @followthecow
Notes	Ages 12+
Director	Fraser Hooper
Performer	Sam Goodburn

## Sam Goodburn

Early in his life, Sam ran away with the circus to perform first as an unicyclist and then as a clown. Ever since, he has dedicated his life to creating his unique style which combines highly skilled circus acts with his endearing comic charm. His career thus far has seen him perform at festivals all over the world and has earned him many accolades. Sam is the British Freestyle Unicycle Champion and in 2012 was the Under 21's National Juggling Champion.

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