



Dirty Protest Theatre presents

***Last Christmas* by Matthew Bulgo**

Assembly George Square Studios – Five, Edinburgh, EH8 9HL

Thursday 31st July – Monday 25th August 2014 (except 11th and 18th), 12 noon

Acclaimed Welsh theatre company Dirty Protest are pleased to bring *Last Christmas* to this year's Edinburgh Fringe – an important contemporary story, presented in a boldly theatrical style with a very Welsh context.

The play follows Tom, played by Sion Pritchard (*Blink*, *Muscle*), as he is confronted by the ghosts of his past when he returns home for Christmas. Forced to face his demons, he attempts to rescue his family and his future. Will Tom be able to save it all in time?

Writer Matthew Bulgo, one of the lead artists behind Dirty Protest, says, '*Tim Price* [of Dirty Protest] *bullied me into writing this play and I'm very glad that he did. He's had an unerring faith in me as a playwright and in the play itself. I'd been terrified about putting pen to paper with this particular play. I'd been putting it off for months, actually more like a couple of years. It's about a man returning to his home city, and the demons he has to face – I won't say too much because I don't want to spoil it – but there was a lot of stuff in there that felt a little close to home.*'

Last Christmas is directed by Clwyd Theatr Cymru's Associate Director, Kate Wasserberg and places the greatest Christmas taboo in the context of an imagined version of family life during the festive period.

Such spellbinding intimacy that it's impossible not to be drawn in... (The Big Issue (Cymru)).

There are few people making theatre this exciting in Wales today (The Guardian).

Notes to Editors

Title	<i>Last Christmas</i> by Matthew Bulgo
Performance Dates	Thursday 31 st July – Monday 25 th August (except 11 th and 18 th), 12 noon
Running time	1 hour
Location	Assembly George Square Studios – Five, Edinburgh, EH8 9HL
Box Office	Tickets are available from www.assemblyfestival.com , 0131 623 3030 or www.edfringe.com Previews (31 st Jul, 1 st Aug): £9 4 th , 5 th , 8 th , 9 th , 10 th , 15 th , 16 th , 17 th , 22 nd , 23 rd , 24 th Aug: £11 2 nd , 3 rd , 6 th , 7 th , 12 th , 13 th , 14 th , 19 th , 20 th , 21 st , 25 th Aug: £9
Website	www.dirtyprotesttheatre.co.uk
Twitter	@dirtyprotest, @matthewbulgo, #lastchristmas, @AssemblyFest
Written by	Matthew Bulgo
Directed by	Kate Wasserberg
Producer	Michael Salmon
Actor	Sion Pritchard

Dirty Protest

Dirty Protest is Cardiff's leading fringe theatre company. Launched in 2007 the company has worked with over a 100 Welsh writers, staging new sell-out plays in alternative venues, from pubs and clubs, to kebab shops, hairdressers and a forest! Ever since it has been drawing attention to itself, shaking up the arts world along the way. If you don't believe them The Guardian called Dirty Protest '*cracking*' and The Big Issue '*spellbinding*'. Dirty Protest put on established and wannabe writers on the same platform creating new work and new writing. They comprise of Tim Price, Mared Swain, Claire Hill, Ellie Carter, Matthew Bulgo and Catherine Paskell.

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