



***The Black Blues Brothers*, the acrobatic musical comedy tribute that's thrilled the world returns to the Fringe**

Assembly Rooms (Music Hall), 54 George Street, Edinburgh, EH2 2LR

Wednesday 3rd – Sunday 28th August 2022, 16:45

Having thrilled audiences at the Fringe in 2019 with a sell-out, five-star run, *The Black Blues Brothers* returns to Assembly this summer. No one can resist the rhythm and blues of this acrobatic tribute to the legendary cult movie. This incredible troupe of African acrobats have dazzled audiences around the world and performed for Pope Francis at the Vatican and the British Royal Family at the Royal Variety Show.

Set in a nightclub, reminiscent of the Cotton Club, a vintage radio blasts out nostalgic '80s hits from the film, including *Gimme Some Lovin'*, *Sweet Home Chicago* and *Soul Man*. As the barman and waiters transform into performers, the acrobats perform jaw-dropping balancing acts, towers of chairs, high-octane drumming, a fire-laced limbo routine and extraordinary human pyramids! Using every chair, table and coat rack available, *The Black Blues Brothers* brings together contemporary circus and musical comedy as a spectacular night out for all the family. Everybody needs someone to love, and *The Black Blues Brothers* need you, you and you to get up and get down with them!

This exciting acrobatic ensemble trained in Sarakasi, a trust that teaches acrobatics and dance to the youth in Nairobi and surrounding areas. There they met Alexander Sunny, Circus Historian and Professor of History of the Circus and Street Performances, with whom they created this original and mind-blowing show.

The Black Blues Brothers has been acclaimed by over a quarter of a million people in Europe alone, in more than 200 cities. The troupe was named as the best acrobatic theatre show at the Adelaide Fringe by the Australian newspaper, *The Advertiser*.

The fearlessness in their tumbles and hand balances, the ease with which they fly and flip into the air, then plunge to the floor speaks of years of focussed training. [...] Into our hearts. (The Scotsman).

Notes To Editors

Title	<i>The Black Blues Brothers</i>
Performance Dates	Wednesday 3 rd – Sunday 28 th August 2022, 16:45
Running Time	60 minutes
Location	Assembly Rooms (Music Hall), 54 George Street, Edinburgh, EH2 2LR
Written and directed by	Alexander Sunny
With	Bilal Musa Huka Rashid Amini Kulembwa Seif Mohamed Mlevi Peter Mnyamosi Obunde Mohamed Salim Mwakidudu
Choreographer	Electra Preisner and Ahara Bischoff
Scenographer	Siegfried Preisner and Loredana Nones, Studiobazart
Lighting designer	Andrew Broom
Box Office	Tickets are available from www.assemblyfestival.com Preview: £12.50 Midweek: £16.50 (£15.50) Weekend: £18.50 (£17.50)
Facebook	@blackbluesbrothers
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Notes

The Edinburgh run will be followed by a tour of the UK throughout September – October, produced by Fiery Entertainment. Details can be found on www.blackbluesbrothers.live

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