

## **Lucky Pigeons** Underbelly's Circus Hub on the Meadows (The Beauty), Edinburgh, EH9 9EX Friday 4<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2023 (not 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>), 13:05

A treat for the whole family, Brainfools' high-flying Fringe debut conjures the unearthly world of a flock of energetic, colourful and curious pigeons. In association with Underbelly, *Lucky Pigeons* uses polished contemporary circus skills and irresistible humour to tell a surreal new fable about the pecking order of urban society. Expect the unexpected, from jaw dropping juggling to dazzling aerialist tricks and lifts!

A young businesswoman struggles to keep up with the non-stop helter-skelter of the City, when all of a sudden it judders to a halt. When he loses his job, he takes his frustration out on the ever-present population of the city streets: pigeons. As his Saville Row suit turns to iridescent feathers and he grows a beak, his transformation sees him join a new flock. He discovers a playful, misunderstood world from a bird's eye view. *Lucky Pigeons* is a deeply soulful story told through daring aerials and mesmerising acrobatic feats.

Brainfools is a new grassroots circus company telling social stories with a light-hearted energy, started by Finn Burnett Pope and Toffy Paulweber. What began as two people has so far grown to a collective of acrobats, dancers, puppeteers, musicians and artists. The company explores new and innovative pathways to bring thrills, spills, and chills of live circus performance.

Toffy Paulweber comments, We want to produce work with Brainfools that has a meaningful story, told in uplifting ways: to create a spectacle that can also be a catalyst for change. Most of us live in London where every day we witness upsetting scenes. We want Lucky Pigeons to raise awareness about the dehumanising experiences faced by marginalised groups and the UK's homeless population.

## **Notes to Editors**

Title	Lucky Pigeons
Performance Dates	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> – Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> August 2023 (not 14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> ), 13:05
Running Time	55 minutes
Location	Underbelly's Circus Hub on the Meadows (The Beauty), Edinburgh, EH9 9EX
Box Office	Tickets are available from <u>underbellyedinburgh.co.uk</u> Normal: £15.50 (£14.50) Low: £14.50 (£13.50)
Original Idea / Directo Choreographer Adapted by Producer Design Music Performers	br Finn Burnett Pope Jared Shanks Sean Kempton Toffy Paulweber Holly Miller Peter Buffery Jared Shanks Toffy Paulweber Brett Tatham Wood Sophie Earl Poppy Plowman David Sanchez Dosuna Ania Giannattasio Blanco
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