



## Släpstick return to Edinburgh Fringe with *Schërzo*

Pleasance Courtyard (Beyond), 60 Pleasance, Edinburgh, EH8 9TJ

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2023 (not 8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>), 15:10

The award-winning and internationally renowned **Släpstick** returns to the Fringe with their unique brand of mischief: Chaplin meets Tchaikovsky, Groucho Marx does Mozart. *Schërzo* sees a highbrow classical concert glissando into a bacchanal of mishaps and absurdity.

Neither bewigged composer nor magnum opus is safe from buffoonery in this clownish concerto from **Spirit of the Fringe Award** winner Släpstick. Behold as a marble bust of Beethoven comes alive and challenges his fellow sculptures to a yodeling battle-royale; meanwhile Schubert's Erlkönig laments his dying son while prancing on a trampoline. Even the ghost of George Gershwin takes a turn as he accompanies an entire symphony orchestra, played by five musicians and led by an inflatable conductor.

In classical music, a Schërzo is a vigorous, light, or playful composition, typically comprising a movement in a symphony, or sonata. However, Släpstick are taking it literally for a perfect pitch prank. With their trademark blurring of physical comedy and musical talent, Släpstick play every imaginable (and un-imaginable) instrument to the highest level as they return to Fringe once again.

Släpstick comments, *A 'nothing's sacred' take on a classical concert, Schërzo is a way to poke fun at a genre of music that's normally seen as rather elitist. Given the success of our last run at the Fringe, we try to stay true to our slapstick roots: the audience is guaranteed a heap of physicality, oddball instruments, and musical fireworks.*

*[Släpstick] garners squeals of delight from the younger members of the audience amid the genuine snorts of laughter from the adults, but it is the phenomenal musicianship of the entire cast and the number of instruments that leaves everyone open-mouthed in awe, resulting in a standing, thumping ovation (New Zealand's Stuff on Släpstick by Släpstick).*

## Notes to Editors

Title	<i>Schërzo</i>
Company	<i>Släpstick</i>
Performance Dates	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> August 2023 (not 8 <sup>th</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> ), 15:10
Running Time	1 hour
Location	Pleasance Courtyard (Beyond), 60 Pleasance, Edinburgh, EH8 9TJ
Box Office	Tickets are available from <a href="http://www.pleasance.co.uk">www.pleasance.co.uk</a> Previews: £9 Weekday: £15 (£13.50) Weekend: £16 (£14.50)
Släpstick Company	Willem van Baarsen Jon Bittman Rogier Bosman Sanne van Delft Jaap Rovers
Director	Stanley Burleson
Notes	Ages 8+
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