

# THE BETA MALES

## Happenstance

CHORTLE AWARDS – Best Sketch / Character Act – Nominee 2012

A MUSEDMOOSE/2ENTERTAIN LAUGHTER AWARDS - "Top Ten" Edfringe Show – 2011

VENUE: Beneath - Pleasance Courtyard, 60 Pleasance, EH8 9TJ

TIME: 7pm

DATES & PRICES: Previews: 30<sup>th</sup> July – 1<sup>st</sup> August @ £6

2<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> August (not 12<sup>th</sup>) from £6 - £11

TICKETS: 0131 556 6550 / [www.pleasance.co.uk](http://www.pleasance.co.uk)



Chortle Award Nominees, stars of Radio 4's *Sketchorama* and five sell-out Fringe runs in the last four years, the critically-acclaimed sketch storytellers present *Happenstance*, a show where things happen. The Beta Males are back with another hilarious hour of brand new characters as they breathe life into a new world of stories with heart. This year things are going to happen...

The Beta Males are writer-performers John Henry Falle, Adam Blampied, Richard Soames and Guy Kelly. The Betas began when Adam and John Henry started performing comedy in their homeland of Jersey when they were teenagers; they have gone on to sell out their last five Fringe shows as well as London's Soho Theatre, London Pleasance's Main House and the Leicester Square Theatre. They have worked regularly with writer Tom Clarke and writer-director Robert Pirouet and this year esteemed *Young Vic*, *RSC* and *Pappy's* director Russell Bolam has taken charge! As well as *Happenstance*, The Betas will be performing in their own solo shows at this year's Fringe as part of *The Beta Males' Sessions*...

### JOHN HENRY FALLE

Actor, writer, comedian and improviser, John Henry's solo acting credits include *The Tape Face Tapes* (BBC3) and he will be co-starring in the upcoming feature film *Bill*, from the team behind *Horrible Histories*. *Womble*, the debut short film co-written by John Henry and starring Will Smith and Ben Willbond was short listed for the Discovery Award at the London Comedy Film Festival and premiered at LOCO at BFI.J. He was trained in Chicago-style long form improv by a Second City alumnus and is performing 30 minutes of his first solo show, *Storybeast*:

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### RICHARD SOAMES

Actor, writer, comedian and improviser Richard Soames solo acting credits include *Made for Each Other* (BBC3) and *Forget Me Not*, a short which recently received its UK premiere at the London Comedy Film Festival. Richard was trained in Chicago style long form improv by a Second City alumnus and is also a UK cast member of the award-winning improv show *Monkey Toast* and a guest cast member of both Chortle Award nominated smash hit *Austentatious* and *Grand Theft Impro*. He is developing his first solo show;

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### ADAM BLAMPIED

Actor, writer and comedian Adam Blampied's solo acting credits include London runs with The Grassroots Shakespeare Company in *The Tempest*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *Othello*. Adam is also the writer of prize winning short film *Eugene*. Selected to be made by a panel of judges including Roman Coppola and Chloe Sevigny, *Eugene* was directed by Spencer Susser and has been watched by over 3 million viewers on YouTube since its London and LA premieres in November 2012. Adam trained at LAMDA.

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### GUY KELLY

Actor, writer, comedian and improviser Guy Kelly's solo acting credits include the comedy web series *The Chaos* (Hoot Comedy) alongside Dan Skinner and Rufus Jones. Guy is also one of the duo behind *@foodpit*, the cult pop-up restaurant spoof whose gastronomic columns have appeared as articles in several publications, including Time Out.

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[www.thebetamales.com](http://www.thebetamales.com) / [www.dittoproductions.co.uk](http://www.dittoproductions.co.uk) / TWITTER @betamalescomedy

### PRESS ON THE BETA MALES:

- ★★★★★ "Gloriously silly and endlessly entertaining" THE SKINNY
- ★★★★★ THREE WEEKS
- ★★★★★ "An utterly brilliant hour of sketch comedy" BROADWAYBABY.COM
- ★★★★★ "Everything comedy should be" SPOONFED
- ★★★★★ "There's something almost priceless about The Beta Males' FRINGE GURU
- ★★★★★ "Insanely enjoyable" PPSF
- ★★★★★ "A stonking show" THE LIST
- ★★★★★ "Infectious late-night lunacy" METRO
- ★★★★★ "A furnace of invention" CHORTLE
- ★★★★★ "One of the most exciting, gloriously funny acts out there" TIME OUT
- ★★★★★ "A mastery of and love for their craft that is a delight to behold" FEST
- ★★★★★ "There are few shows on the fringe as funny as this" REMOTEGOAT
- ★★★★★ FRINGE BISCUIT
- "A slick, hilarious sketch show... Genius" SUNDAYTIMES
- "One of the best and most ambitious of the UK's emerging sketch groups" THE SCOTSMAN



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