

CAMBRIDGE FOOTLIGHTS PERFECT STRANGERS

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FOOTLIGHTS' 50th YEAR AT THE FRINGE

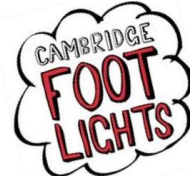
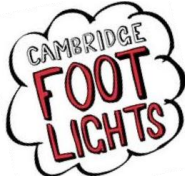
Following sell-out successes in 2010 and 2011, the Cambridge Footlights International Tour 2012 – *Perfect Strangers* – arrives at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe.

This year's tour is of extra importance to the Footlights. In August 1962, four of the society – **John Cleese, Tim Brooke-Taylor, Graham Chapman, and Ian Lang** – were the first to perform under the Footlights name at the Edinburgh Fringe. Produced by **Sir Trevor Nunn**, *Double Take* was an instant hit and helped establish those involved as a comedy force to be reckoned with. Following its breakthrough success in 1962, the club has been a prominent element of the Fringe ever since. 2012 is their **50th year at the Fringe**, and this year promises yet another exciting, original and hilarious Footlights production at Edinburgh and beyond.

Preparations for the tour began back in January, and with a cast and production team already making waves on the national comedy circuit, this year's company seems set to go far. Phil Wang – outgoing president of the Footlights, **Chortle Student Comedian of the Year 2010 and Comedy Central Funniest Student 2011** – tells us, "The Tour Show represents the culmination of three years of writing, directing and performing comedy in Cambridge and we are all keen to put all that experience into making the best show possible."

After Edinburgh, the show will transfer to America, performing in **New York, Chicago, Boston and Philadelphia** at some of the most prestigious comedy venues in the world. By the time the tour returns to Cambridge in October, *Perfect Strangers* will have been seen by over 20,000 people.





PERFORMANCE DATES

Thu 2nd – Mon 27th August at 4:00pm (all dates)

Ace Dome, Pleasance Dome, 1 Bristo Square, Edinburgh EH8 9AL
(Venue number 23)

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NOTES TO EDITORS

The Cambridge Footlights are the celebrated comedy troupe responsible for launching – and continuing to launch – many of the greatest names in comedy, including John Cleese, Stephen Fry, Hugh Laurie and more recently Mitchell and Webb, Sasha Baron Cohen, and Simon Bird and Joe Thomas of *The Inbetweeners*.

