



# The Cambridge Footlights present **CANADA**

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## **CAMBRIDGE FOOTLIGHTS CELEBRATE 130<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

The Cambridge Footlights International Tour Show returns in 2013 with its most ambitious show yet. Following a two-week run of previews in Cambridge, *Canada* will go on to **London**, previewing their **Edinburgh** show at the Canal Café Theatre, Etcetera and Leicester Square. After a month the Fringe, the Footlights will spend three weeks touring the USA - including **New York, Philadelphia, Boston, and Washington DC**.

The previews are an important opportunity to showcase the most ambitious material in anticipation of the tour, which will take place on three consecutive nights in central London venues.

This is an extremely exciting year for the Footlights, as the club celebrates its 130th anniversary. This year also marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first touring Footlights show in America, *Clump of Plinths*. Comprising **John Cleese, Eric Idle, Bill Oddie** and **Graham Chapman** among others, this show went on to perform on Broadway and form the basis of *Monty Python*. This year will focus in particular on the scope of its ambition and range of venues at which it is performed in the USA.

For the first time in 30 years, this year's cast comprises more women than men. In anticipation of the tour, director Celine Lowenthal says, 'I am overjoyed to be part of a hugely talented group of writers and performers, whose style is really fresh and audience-centric, with a mix of sketches, clowning and monologue comedy. The show is taking a lot of very exciting creative risks, which is just as it should be. I'm thrilled they'll be able to keep Footlights at the forefront of student comedy.'

Matty Bradley, writer and performer, adds, 'The Tour Show is a really exciting opportunity to play to a wide variety of audiences outside of Cambridge. The show itself is a highly collaborative effort undertaken by performers and writers from a wide range of interests and approaches. We've aimed to make it a fun and unpredictable experience.'

Join the Footlights in London as they celebrate this landmark year with *Canada*, a vibrant collection of outstanding sketches by this year's most talented comedians.

## PERFORMANCE DATES

### **The Lounge @ Leicester Square Theatre, West End**

Sat 27th July @ 8:30pm

6 Leicester Pl, London, Greater London WC2H 7BX

### **Etcetera Theatre, Camden**

Sun 28th July @ 8:00pm

265 Camden High St, London, Greater London, NW1 7BU

### **Canal Café Theatre, Little Venice**

Mon 29th July @ 7:30pm

Delamere Terrace, Little Venice, London W2 6ND

## PRESS ENQUIRIES

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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, and Simon Bird and Joe Thomas of *The Inbetweeners*.

**The ADC Theatre, Cambridge** is Britain's oldest University playhouse. Plays have been performed on the site of the theatre since 1855, when the Cambridge University Amateur Dramatic Club was founded, and the society met in the backroom of a hotel. Whilst every performer and technician is an unpaid volunteer, the impressive alumni list proves how many have gone on to great success in the theatre industry. The ADC presents two shows every evening during university term, as well as a range of other programming outside of term for touring and local drama groups.

