



REELING & WRITHING and **PLATFORM** presents

World Première

FUNNY: DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH

by **Tim Nunn**

'Nunn shows once again what a skilful writer he is ... his script is witty, tender, and full of interest' THE TIMES (*Only The Men*)

Director: **Katherine Morley** | Composer: **Paul Rissmann**
Set Designer: **Kirsty Mackay** | Lighting Designer: **Colin Grenfell**

Cast:

Keith Macpherson (Citizens' Theatre's *Yellow Moon*), **Tommy Mullins** (Grid Iron's *Fierce* and *Decky Does A Bronco*), **Donald Pirie** (National Theatre of Scotland/*Vanishing Point's Mancub*)

You shouldn't laugh. You don't want to laugh. But you do laugh. Your jaws ache and your eyes water. This is comedy.

Why do we laugh? What makes us explode with laughter? It feels so good but why does it happen? And why can it be impossible to control, when we know it shouldn't happen – at funerals, weddings, that first meal with the in-laws?

Laughter can hurt. Humour is power.

Based on the writer's experiences as a human rights campaigner, *Funny* focuses on real reports from secret places, and the closer it gets to the truth the less you're going to believe it.

You shouldn't be here. You don't want to be here. But you are here. Your body aches and your eyes water. This is interrogation. This is no laughing matter.

A soldier, a terrorist and a comedian walk into a bar. The landlord says: *'What's this, a joke?'*

'brilliantly portrays the unbelievable danger ... highly original and affecting work ... lives long in the memory' SUNDAY HERALD (*My Dark Sky*)

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LISTINGS

**Thurs 6 – Sun 30 August 2009 | ASSEMBLY@7 Holyrood Road
(VENUE 320 – The Mock Turtle)**

6 & 7: 18:00hrs (PREVIEWS - £5.00)

8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29: 14:00hrs (15:15hrs) & 18:00hrs (19:15hrs)

10, 12, 13, 17, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26, 30: 18:00hrs (19:15hrs)

Fri – Sun: £11.50/£9.50. Mon – Thurs: £9.50/£7.50 (apart from Thurs 27 Aug: £11.50/£9.50)

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