



SHOW DOWN
David Parker and The Bang Group

C (Chambers Street). 10th August to 15th August 2009. 17:15.



Exuberant, contemporary dance based on Irving Berlin's "Annie Get Your Gun"

David Parker & The Bang Group perform the European Premiere of *Show Down*, a witty and exuberant contemporary dance show set to the songs of Irving Berlin's *Annie Get Your Gun*. *Annie Get Your Gun* occupies an unique position in Show Business history. Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II agreed to produce the musical with Jerome Kern writing the music. When Kern died suddenly, the producers asked Irving Berlin to take on the job of writing both lyrics and music. The musical's showstopper song, "There's No Business Like Show Business," was almost left out of the musical because Berlin, mistakenly, got the impression that Rodgers wanted the song removed.

Show Down takes the songs out of their original narrative context and releases them into a wholly contemporary, choreographic world. It unravels the venerable musical's themes of a showdown between the sexes, the lure of the stage and the collision of love and ambition with rough-and-tumble glee allowing humour to bubble up where it will. The show is performed by eight virtuoso actor-dancers of The Bang Group.

Approaching their 15th anniversary, David Parker & The Bang Group are a rhythm-based theatrical dance troupe that has developed a stellar reputation in both Europe and North America for their uncompromising, innovative wit. The Bang Group first appeared in the Edinburgh Festival Fringe in 2006, in Parker's subversive neo-vaudeville production of *The Nutcracker*, entitled *Nut/Cracked*, to critical and audience acclaim (*The Scotsman* **** and *The Herald* ****).

New York and Boston audiences continue to be entertained by David Parker & The Bang Group:

"David Parker is a Keen Satirist" – *Village Voice*

"A Surefire Winner" – *Boston Globe*

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Venue: C (-1), C Chambers Street (venue 34).

Dates: 10th August – 15th August 2009.

Time: 17:15 (65 minutes).

Ticket prices:

10th, 15th: £ 10.50 (full) / £ 9.50 (concession) / £7.50 (child).

11th: £ 8.50 (full) / £ 7.50 (concession) / £5.50 (child).

12th –14th: £ 9.50 (full) / £ 8.50 (concession) / £6.50 (child).

Venue Box Office: 0845 260 1234 – www.CtheFestival.com

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