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Lee Martin for Gag Reflex presents

THE BOY WITH TAPE ON HIS FACE

EDINBURGH FRINGE FESTIVAL 2010

GILDED BALLOON – DINING ROOM

10.30pm (Ends 11.30pm)

5th – 29th AUGUST 2010 (not 16th)

Changing the face of comedy....

Multi award winning comic Sam Wills aka **The Boy With Tape on His Face** is delighted to be making his much anticipated Edinburgh Fringe Festival debut this year.

Sam's piercing blue eyes stare out over a rectangle of gaffer tape as he holds his audience spell bound. He deftly unfolds the tangents of his delightful brain process, deliberately preparing each scene and eventually letting the audience in by finally breaking the suspense with each hilarious and unpredictable manoeuvre.

Drawing on a heritage that includes silent film, mime, magic, puppetry, Motown and the films of Patrick Swayze, The Boy With Tape On His Face is a pensive, curious soul approaching every object and audience member as a potential friend - or plaything. Shoes sing, empty dresses dance and electrical tape blossoms into roses creating a world of possibilities where the only certainty is laughter.

Combine the sheer, childlike absurdness of Vic Reeves with the deft, physical intonation of Hugh Laurie and the genius of Charlie Chaplin and you have Sam Wills: The Boy with Tape on His Face.

This exciting one-man show from **New Zealand** is attracting attention across the globe, The Boy With Tape on His Face has racked up awards for Best Show, Best Show Concept, People's Choice, to name a few at the New Zealand, Melbourne and Adelaide festivals.

Wills is a mad scientist of vaudevillian pranks, who reminds us that life is an adventure...

Mime with noise, stand-up with no talking – drama with no acting. This show speaks for itself.

"A physical comedy Sensation." *Tim Arthur, Time Out*

"An expansive imagination that soars into the absurd. Grab your ticket now" *The Age* ★★★★★ ½

"Charming, mischievous and engaging. A series of well executed set pieces with a touch of vaudeville and a neat gimmick tying them together" *Chortle.co.uk*

"Clever, alternative and genuinely entertaining" *New Zealand Herald*

"If you see one comedian.... this is the one!" *Adelaide Sunday Mail* ★★★★★

"Strikingly original and an absolute delight to watch" *The Groggy Squirrel*

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LISTINGS INFORMATION – THE BOY WITH TAPE ON HIS FACE

GILDED BALLOON TEVIOT – Dining Room, Bristo Square, Edinburgh

Box Office: 0131 622 6552 www.gildedballoon.co.uk

Venue press office: press@gildedballoon.co.uk 0131 668 9483/07769 673 681

Edinburgh Fringe Box Office: 0131 226 0000

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Tickets:

Weekdays: £9.00 (£8.00 concs)

Weekends: £10.00 (£9.00 concs)