

Edinburgh Festival Comedy News

Lee Martin For Gag Reflex presents:

THE BOY WITH TAPE ON HIS FACE

Chortle Breakthrough Act winner 2011

If.comedy Best Newcomer nominee 2010

Kevin Smith Artistic Achievement NZ Comedy Guild 2010

Advertiser Award, Best Comedy -Adelaide Fringe 2009

BankSA Support Award - Adelaide Fringe 2009

Best Newcomer - nominee Melbourne Comedy Festival 2008

Nominated for The Groggy Squirrel Critics Award 2008

Winner of The Groggy Squirrel Readers Award 2008

Peoples Choice - World Buskers Festival 2008

Best Show Concept - NZ Comedy Guild 2007, 2006

Best Show - NZ Comedy Guild 2007, 2006, 2005

Best Show Auckland NZ Comedy Festival 2007

Best Poster - NZ Comedy Festival 2007

Winner of The Billy T James award 2005

Best New Face - Pulp Comedy 2001

Title of Show: 'The Boy With Tape On His Face'

Venue: Pleasance Courtyard - Beyond

Time: 9.15pm

Dates: 15th – 28th August

Blending stand-up comedy, mime, vaudeville and puppetry, 'The Boy With Tape On His Face' was the runaway hit of last year's Edinburgh Fringe, scooping myriad five star reviews and an Edinburgh Comedy Award nomination for best newcomer. Now there's another chance to catch this delightful, charming and witty award-winning show as it returns to the festival for two weeks only.

The brainchild of New Zealand stand-up Sam Wills, Tape Face appeals to the child in all of us. Not to say that Wills' act isn't clever - it is. Wills has created a charming character who opens up a world of singing shoes, mischievous dustbins, willing audience participation and the heart-warming power of gaffer-tape. Even more, 'The Boy With Tape On His Face' offers an antithesis to the many motormouth comedians on the circuit.

Non-stop talking and tricks is how Wills started out; a successful stand-up and street performer, his comedy was already getting attention before he came up with The Boy, mainly to challenge himself. His invention, however, has been a global success, picking up awards left, right and centre and captivating audiences from one side of the world to the other.

Wills' ingenuous character – playfully referred to as Tape Face or The Boy – is a breath of fresh air that has captured many imaginations, including that of game designers. Yes, Tape Face is set to star in his own video game for the BBC.

Beautiful, uplifting and, above all, funny, 'The Boy With Tape On His Face' harks back to an innocent bygone era yet remains totally of its time and one of the most strikingly original shows out there.

WHAT THE CRITICS HAD TO SAY:

'...The Boy With Tape On His Face consists of a combination of unlikely elements that all come together for a truly magical experience.'

CHORTLE *****

'...A slapstick virtuoso.'

THE LIST *****

'...Wills is the last word in silent comedy.'

GUARDIAN *****

'...His eyes are amazing; he could probably do the whole show in a balaclava and still make you laugh.'

THE SCOTSMAN

SEE THE BOY FOR YOURSELF:

Comedy Rocks

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EvjOz2QmD9Y>

BBC Presents...

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nclYt71q6Rs>

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