
AXS ENTERTAINMENT / ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT / PERFORMING ARTS

Dispatches from The Fringe - laughs galore from the witch and a bitch

August 12, 2012

6:09 PM MST

Comedy Shows at Edinburgh Fringe

Rating: ★★★★★

Loretta Maine's *BiPolar* is pure magic

Loretta Maine: BiPolar is not just one of the funniest, energetic and most engaging shows about - it's also clever, intelligent and sexy.

In its star, Loretta Maine, you have the real deal – a white wine witch of a comedian who is genuinely funny. Accompanied by her all male, dead pan backing group, Penis Envy, Maine's series of musical sketches offer quirky observations on everything from relationships, to wine, to party tricks to chicken shops. Delivered in her unique, drunken, frat party style, with copious amounts of wine just to be on the safe side, *Loretta Maine BiPolar* hits the mark leaving the audience wondering how the hour long set flew in so fast. Possibly the worse kept secret of the Festival: this is a show you must see.

Loretta Maine: BiPolar runs daily till the 26th (apart from the 14th) at Just The Tonic, Cowsgate at 6.00 p.m. Admission is £9.00

David Mills' *Smart Casual* mixes rat pack stylings with bitchy queen humour

The notice on the poster says David Mills is heading for the big time. On the evidence of his latest show, *Smart Casual* that observation can't be faulted. Viciously funny, Mills' laser like tongue slices through celebrities, politicians, gays, the Queen, anyone who takes his fancy really, with equal vitriol. This is equal opportunities bitching at its best where no one is spared, but Mills does it with ease and panache. *Smart Casual* would be more than worth the price of admission - if there was one. But as its free you would be absolutely insane not to go see it.

Smart Casual runs daily until August 27th at The Hive, Niddry Street. Doors open at 3.45 p.m. Admission is free.



Chris O'Rourke
Tulsa Theater Examiner

© 2006-2015 AXS Digital Group LLC d/b/a Examiner.com