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# Dispatches from The Fringe – Begorrah it's great craic

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Begorrah by Foil Arms and Hog  
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Rating: ★★★★★

Recently returned from selling out stadiums, or perhaps it was Mexican [comedy](#) clubs, Foil Arms and Hog hit the [Tiger Dublin Fringe](#) at full throttle with their latest comedic offering, *Begorrah*, currently playing at [Smock Alley Theatre](#). Fast, focused and funny, *Begorrah* offers hilarious sketches along with musical interludes for your delight and entertainment. Unless you're clinically immune to laughter, you will indeed be delighted and entertained.

Sketches come hard and fast and no one is spared. But *Begorrah* reserves a special interest for the rural, Irish family and the pretensions of theatre. Experimental company, the La Bullshat Theatre Group, indulge us with their innovative performances. Elsewhere, mime classes become a battleground. Out in the sticks a family prepares to say goodbye to their son while another struggles with the secret shame of having a teetotaller in the family. In between we attend a

funeral, re-enact the roulette scene from *The Deer Hunter* and enjoy a musical rendition from Christian rockers, God Vibrations, along with samplings from The Narcissistic Love album. Throughout, Foil Arms and Hog deliver all with impeccable timing. Riffing with the audience with consummate ease, they had the house eating out of their hands right from the start.

If you enjoy top class comedy, I defy you not to enjoy *Begorrah*. On the off chance you don't enjoy it, remember to tell everyone you don't like how great a show it is. There's a good reason why Foil Arms and Hog have sold out the Edinburgh Fringe for six consecutive years, have over 4 million hits on YouTube and recently completed a 30 date World tour, culminating in a sell-out show at Dublin's Vicar Street. They're simply that good. For sheer, unadulterated entertainment, and a great night out, you'd be hard pressed to find better. The only downside on the night was you left craving for more.

*Begorrah* by Foil Arms and Hog runs as part of the Tiger Dublin Fringe at Smock Alley Theatre until Sunday, September 14th Doors open 9.00 p.m.

Tickets €16.00 Concessions €14.00

For more information go to <http://fringefest.com/festival/programme>



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