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Dispatches from The Fringe: Fun, but no real frolics at the Comic Strip

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Comedy and Burlesque Show

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[Burlesque](#) and comedy might make comfortable bedfellows, but in the *Comic Strip* it's the comedy that wins out over the strip. Guest comedians Abigoliah Schamaun and Benny Boot delivered enjoyable, if rather short, tasters of their Festival shows *Girl Going to Hell* and *Def Con 4* respectively, both of which look worth checking out. Host Asher Treleaven, whose show *Troubadour* is also playing at the Festival, proved to be an adept master of ceremonies and his routine about getting a male health check proved to be the comic highlight of the evening.

Featuring two turns from the beautiful Gypsy Wood, Treleaven's better half in real life, and one from the Chav burlesque star Kiki Kaboom, the burlesque segments didn't fare as well, with sight lines hampered by pillars not helping matters. Woods delivered movie star glamour a la Gypsy Rose Lee, but her routines felt at times a little jaded and lacked sparkle. Kiki Kaboom, on the other hand, was rowdy, raunchy and rocked it - 21st century burlesque that was contemporary, edgy, sexy and fun and brimming with attitude.

As the *Comic Strip* rotates comedians and burlesque acts, it's something of a dice roll what you might get on any given night. As dice rolls go, it could have been worse, but with such an array of comedy and burlesque to choose from at the Festival, it needed to be better and a little longer.

Comic Strip runs at The Assembly, George Square nightly till the 27th (aside from the 13th and 20th). Doors open at 10.40 p.m., the show runs for an hour and admission is £15.00

Girl Going to Hell runs at Laughing Horse@ The Counting Horse nightly at 8.30 p.m. till August 26th (aside from August 15th). Admission is free.

Def Con 4 runs daily at Underbelly, Bristo Square at 5.30 p.m. until the 27th (aside from the 13th). Admission is £10.50

Troubadour runs daily at The Gilded Balloon Teviot at 4.30 p.m. until the 26th (aside from the 13th). Admission is £10.50

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