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HOMEWORK FOR HEROES

Free, afternoon stand-up comedy at the Edinburgh Fringe

This is a show about four people who want to be heroes.

Four people with no discernible skills. Except the ability to make people laugh - but from bitter experience we know the Job Centre doesn't recognise this as a skill.



We're **Broderick Chow** (semi-finalist Amused Moose LaughOff 2008), **Helen Arney** (semi-finalist Funny Women 2008), **Nat Luurtsema** (Chortle Best Newcomer nominee 2008, finalist Funny Women 2007 and Laughing Horse New Act of the Year 2008) and **Tom Goodliffe** (current finalist You Must Be Joking, Newbury Comedy Festival 2008)

Yes, that's all well and good, but it doesn't make us heroes, does it?

We've never saved a baby from a burning building, or stopped a speeding train with one finger, or even saved the planet a little bit (recycling doesn't count) and, given our limited skills and poor time management, neither are we likely to.

So our motto is: "**Achievable Goals.**" Shout it while punching the air, it sounds a little bit more heroic like that. Go on.

Homework for Heroes celebrates tiny acts of heroism that are often overlooked for flashy nonsense like a bloke prattling about in a leotard. We want to find the heroism around us and inside us (don't be childish) in just under an hour. There will be jokes, stories, games and heroic deeds – basically a big bucket of afternoon fun. And definitely no leotards

"To be an everyday hero, you don't have to wear your pants on the outside. But sometimes it just feels right."

LISTINGS INFORMATION

Venue 185: Laughing Horse @ Espionage, Victoria Street.

Dates: 31 July, 1-2 Aug (Preview), 3-10 Aug, 12-24 Aug

Time: 14:10 (1hr)

FREE NON-TICKETED

www.homeworkforheroes.co.uk / www.freefestival.co.uk

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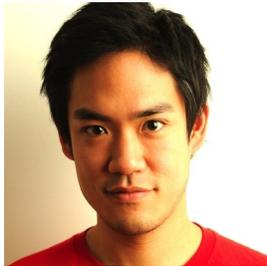
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INTRODUCING YOUR HEROES (da da da...)

BRODERICK CHOW



Broderick is a west-coast Canadian stand-up comedian living in London who has been entertaining audiences with his "confident and intelligent" (*Newbury Today*) mix of popular culture, philosophy and personal stories since August 2006. He is a hit with younger, student crowds, regularly performing at Oxford's **Free Beer Show**, **Ministry of Mirth**, UCL's **Ministry of Comedy** and **Roehampton University**. He was a finalist in the **Laughing Horse Big Big New Act Competition**, semi-finalist in the **Amused Moose LaughOff 2008** and winner of **Stand Up and Coming** in January 2008.

"Chow's jokes were smooth and comfortable, guiding the audience from one laugh to another with a steady hand. He had the knack of bringing together the diverse audience in sharing his embarrassment at life in general." - *Cherwell, Oxford*
www.brodacious.co.uk

HELEN ARNEY



Helen has performed as a stand-up since September 2007, entertaining audiences with her infectious enthusiasm for vegetarian cookery, Victorian history, caravans and classical music. Relentless gigging and a natural charm onstage has led to spots at **Amused Moose Hot Starlets 2008**, **Spank!**, **Ladyfest 2008**, **Sunday Special at Up the Creek** and James Campbell's **Comedy Club 4 Kids**, and earned her a place in the semi-final of **Funny Women 2008**.

"An elfin, charming and captivating being, she involved us in an intelligently funny, makeshift well-to-do marriage narrative with pointed wit and memorable flavour."
- *BBC Club*
www.helenarney.com

NAT LUURTSEMA



Nat was a finalist in **Funny Women 2007** after only ten gigs, and was nominated for a **Chortle Best Newcomer Award** after just eight months as a stand-up comedian. **Broadcast Magazine** voted her one of the **Hotshot Writers of 2007**, while the **London Paper** featured her as one of the **Top 30 Under 30** talents to watch in 2008. She was a finalist in this year's **Laughing Horse New Act of the Year Competition** and a semi-finalist in the **Amused Moose LaughOff 2008**.

"A distinctive comedy voice... strikingly original... a talent for dry, off-the-wall wit."
- *Chortle*
www.myspace.com/natluurtsema

TOM GOODLIFFE



Playful newcomer Tom Goodliffe has the kind of warmth many acts would kill for. He's genial, exceptionally likeable and very very funny. He would also never sit in your dad's chair. This big friendly giant of a comic has been performing regularly on the London circuit since September 2007 and is fast becoming an audience favourite with his quirky observations and stories. Tom is a current finalist in **You Must Be Joking** at the Newbury Comedy Festival 2008, and can also be seen at the Free Festival show '**This Stand-Up Show Belongs To Lionel Richie**'.

"That was great, I really like your stuff." - *Josie Long*
www.tomgoodliffe.co.uk

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