

## QUEST PRODUCTIONS

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### BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS FIRST AUSTRALIAN DEAF COMEDIAN AT THE FRINGE

Former bricklayer turned actor, Rob Roy will be the first Australian deaf comedian to perform at the renowned Edinburgh Festival Fringe in August, 2003. He may be only one of 12,940 performers at this year's Fringe but Rob Roy is an absolute one-off.

The 34 year old Perth-born boy will share his unique, highly visual comedy, the *Rob Roy Show!* with the world for six performances from August 18 to 23 at the Rocket Apex City Hotel as part of QuestFest at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe.

Rob Roy said he was proud to be the first Australian deaf performer at the 57<sup>th</sup> Edinburgh Festival Fringe. "Laughter breaks down barriers - and the deaf community loves a good laugh, just like everyone else does," he said. "Comedy is appealing and my style even more so because it so visual."

His high octane, physical routine includes skits, signed songs, storytelling, and jokes that are visually compelling and appealing to all ages. He utilizes outrageous and subtle facial expressions and physical theatre to create instantly recognizable and unforgettable characters in scenes of comedic mayhem ranging from high art to sport.

It's a special brand of humor that not only has the power to transform attitudes but to make you piss your pants at the same time. As an audience member recently commented, "If you have not seen his show, there is a gap in your life!"

He began his solo career in London in 1998 and has since performed throughout Europe, North America, Africa, Asia and back home "down under" where he worked extensively as an actor with the Australian Theatre of the Deaf which he joined in 1992.

The Fringe performances of *Rob Roy Show!* are part of a UK and European tour that sees Rob Roy perform throughout England, Scotland, Wales, France and Norway returning to Australia in January 2004.

*Rob Roy Show!* joins Quest Productions' QuestFest, five exceptional shows from the United States, Singapore and Australia sharing a common vision of movement-based

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theatre. This summer's featured shows are: *White Frost Falls*, *Wings*, and *A Fool Named "O"* from the United States, *A Visual Adaptation of Mistero Buffo* from Singapore, and *Rob Roy Show!* from Australia. For more information on dates, times and venues check our website at [www.quest4arts.org](http://www.quest4arts.org). For tickets go to the official Fringe website: [www.edfringe.com](http://www.edfringe.com). More information on Rob Roy can be found at [www.robroyshow.com](http://www.robroyshow.com).

Quest Productions brings QuestFest to the Fringe in conjunction with Richard Demarco and Demarco-Rocket Productions.

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