



Burlesque + Opera Hit the Fringe in One-off Show

Saturday 14th August

Tickets: £22.50

Club Noir and Scottish Opera present a burlesque night with an operatic twist in a very special one-off show at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe.

The world's biggest burlesque club – which regularly sells out club nights with over 2,000 people - and Scotland's largest performing arts company are teaming up for a glamorous evening of over-the-top live performance.

Six hours of lavish live performance showcasing a diverse line-up of risqué acts, cabaret, ballet, vintage bands, video projections and go-go dancers, alongside over-the-top opera – and all in a fabulous burlesque setting.

Kicking off at 8pm, the show features a long list of fabulously scene-stealing performers including: the original Chelsea Dagger who inspired the Fratelli's worldwide hit (she's Jon Fratelli's Missus); crystal-encrusted showgirls; premiere ballet dancers Ballet Blue; and top-class opera singers Nicky Spence and Nadine Livingston.

It's not just the acts that make the night so extraordinary. Club Noir attracts a regular eclectic crowd of Scotland's hedonists plus international Fringe visitors looking for a very unusual experience. Goths, Rockabillies, entertainers, gays, ship's captains, millionaires, fetishists, transsexuals and students all hit Club Noir with regularity, and their presence at the Edinburgh Fringe will be no exception.

Scottish Opera's General Director Alex Reedijk said of the collaboration, "We think that opera and burlesque are perfect bedfellows – and just like the Club Noir folk, we are always trying to reach new audiences. It's about high theatrical and production values, extremely talented live performers, fantastic costumes and putting on a good show."

Tina Warren of Club Noir says, "If you're wondering what on earth opera has to do with burlesque then think again. Opera is full of passion, lust and drama scenes. If you're not an opera lover then be prepared to have your mind blown. And if you are an opera lover be prepared to have your mind blown too!"

The event will be held at Edinburgh's HMV Picture House.

Club Noir "*A gateway to a parallel universe.*" **The Sunday Times**

Scottish Opera "*Truly world class*" **The Scotsman**

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