# Pleasance Theatre presents *ROOM*

Performed by Alan Fielden, Sophie Grodin, Malachy Orozco, Annabelle Stapleton-Crittenden, Jemima Yong and guests.

## Pleasance Courtyard, 60 Pleasance, Edinburgh EH8 9TJ

Friday 1 - Monday 25 August 2014

11am - 4pm daily (10 slots a day, one performed every half an hour)

"Anything can happen, what would you like to do?"

*ROOM* is a 20 – 25 minute interactive experience for one audience member (hereby referred to as the player). Everything is live and improvised in response to the player's imagination, offering them full control over narrative. *ROOM* has been likened to an immersive imagination massage, purposeful daydreaming and a brain holiday. *ROOM* will be performed 250 times over 25 days at the Edinburgh Fringe this year.

In *ROOM*, the player is blindfolded so as to make visible the environment of the adventure in the mind's eye. *ROOM* only exists in the imagination. Part radio play, part interactive storytelling, *ROOM* is inspired by analogue, literary based computer games like Dungeons & Dragons and Interactive Fiction.

**ROOM** was invented by writer director **Alan Fielden** and performance artist **Sophie Grodin**. The piece was first scratched at Stoke Newington International Airport and received its first development commission from Theatre Delicatessen. Subsequently the work has been performed in various amalgamations at the Bush Theatre, Camden People's Theatre and Ziferblat London. Over 400 *ROOM*s have been played thus far; no story is ever the same.

*ROOM* is played by an international collective of interdisciplinary artists from the UK, Denmark, Australia, Malaysia and the US. Separately, their practices span the mediums of photography, literature, performance art, music, fine art and theatre. The group that will take *ROOM* up to Edinburgh have previously collaborated on projects by **National Art Service** and **BRUNO GLINT** gallery.

#### **ENDS**

#### Press information

To book review tickets for this show please contact the Pleasance Press Office 0131 556 6557 press@pleasance.co.uk

## **Public information**

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# **Listings information**

### ROOM

Conceived and performed by Alan Fielden and Sophie Grodin Co-created and performed by Malachy Orozco, Annabelle Stapleton-Crittenden and Jemima Yong Fri 1 – Mon 25 Aug 2014 (250 performances) 11.00 (11.25), 11.30 (11.55)... last slot at 15.30 (15.55) Pleasance Courtyard 20 – 25 min / no interval Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Weekday: £7 (£6) | Weekend: £8 (£7)

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