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Opera Shorts presents

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by **Richard Carey, Luke Drummond, Stephen Flanagan, Matthew Holman, Louise Rooney, Lucy Ross**



A contemporary Opera collective set to breathe new life into old forms – Opera Shorts present the world premiere of four operas at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe.

Since its conception in late 2007, **Opera Shorts** has quickly gained a name for being one of Scotland's most promising new groups in the field of musical theatre. The objective is simple: to create a platform from which young composers across Scotland can realise their works while breathing new life into those forms of art which have faced much difficulty, both publicly, and within the institutions of the contemporary arts.

One year on from the initial conversations and **Opera Shorts** is set to stage the world premieres of four new operas. **Richard Carey, Steven Flanagan, Louise Rooney and Lucy Ross** will head the bill supported by a cast and ensemble from across Scotland. The cast and orchestra consist of musicians from both the University of Edinburgh and the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama, which is a testament to the ethos of **Opera Shorts** in engaging talented young musicians at the beginning of their careers. C venues will be playing host to these works for a sixteen day run during the 2008 Edinburgh Festival Fringe.

Every opera has been conceived independently, and by individual creative voices often from distinct schools of thought in music and drama. Although drawing on much that is disparate in dramatic and musical terms, **Opera Shorts** is unified by the single aesthetic notion that music and drama are capable of conveying the gamut of human experience within the confines of a small theatre, and an hour to spare.

From anarchic comedy, horror and forgotten lives, through broken relationships and shattered ideals, **Opera Shorts** will surely leave the audience with something to talk about.

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Listings information

Venue: C central, venue 54, Edinburgh Festival Fringe

Dates: 1 August - 16 August 2008

Time: 7.10pm (1hr05)

Ticket prices: £8.50 - £10.50 / concs £7.50 - £9.50

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