

TOTALTHEATREAWARDS @ Edinburgh Festival Fringe 08

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Total Theatre is delighted to announce the shortlist for the Total Theatre Awards 2008. Since the fringe opened on 3rd August a team of 16 assessors, chaired by critic Andrew Haydon, saw 268 registered shows and nominated 70 shows for consideration. At a lively and rigorous meeting on Wednesday 13th August 26 shows were shortlisted in five categories and will now be seen by Total Theatre's judging panel. The Total Theatre Awards 2008 will be presented at a ceremony on 21st August at GHQ.

Experiment and Innovation

Dance Base presents **Enclosure 44 – Humans**, Janis Claxton Dance – Edinburgh Zoo
The Factory, Badac Theatre Company/Escalator East to Edinburgh – Pleasance Courtyard
Once and For All We're Gonna Tell You Who We Are So Shut Up and Listen, Ontroerend Goed, Kopergiettery & Richard Jordon Productions – Traverse Theatre
Paper Cinema and Kora, The Night Flyer – Forest Fringe
Plastic, 30 Bird/Escalator East to Edinburgh in association with the Pleasance and the Iran Heritage Foundation – Pleasance Courtyard
The Office Party, Underbelly Productions and Assembly – Udderbelly's Pasture
Wanderlust, Anonymous Ensemble – Underbelly

Graduate Company

Crocsmia, Little Bulb Theatre – The Space on the Mile@The Radisson
How it Ended, You Need Me – C cubed
Invasian Festival presents **ID**, HuNuNunMul – ClubWEST @ Quincentenary Hall
21:13, Dancing Brick – C Soco

Story Theatre

Before We Remember, Gomito Productions – Bedlam Theatre
Cloudcuckooland, The Onassis Programme – Festival Highlights – Pleasance
How the Giraffe got its neck, Tall Stories – C Too
The Man Who Planted trees, Puppet State Theatre Company – Scottish Storytelling Centre
Slick, Tron & Vox Motus – Traverse Theatre
The Zawose Family, RealWorld – The World @ St George West

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Visual Theatre

Circus Oz, 30th Birthday Bash – Assembly Hall, Mound Place

The Idiot Colony, RedCape Theatre

Hamlet Episode, Daegu City Modern Dance Company – Rocket@Roxburghe Hotel

Mime for Laughs, Mono Mime Comedy Theatre – Hill Street Theatre

Polaris, Adriatic: Vojta Švejda, Beneš-McGadie – Zoo

Young Company

Architecting, THE TEAM & National Theatre of Scotland Workshop – Traverse Theatre

The Caravan, Look Left Look Right – Pleasance Courtyard

Holdin' Fast, DOT 504 – Zoo Southside

In a Thousand Pieces, Paper Birds – Gilded Balloon Teviot

A further Total Theatre Award, at the discretion of the judges, may be presented to artist/company/venue deemed to have made a significant contribution to either the Edinburgh Festival Fringe or the development of Theatre.

The judging panel: Christie Anthoney – Director of Adelaide Fringe; Matt Burman - Executive Producer at Norfolk and Norwich Festival; Rob Daniels – University of Chichester; Professor Anthony Dean – University of Winchester; Ben Harrison – Artistic Director of Grid Iron Theatre; Donald Hutera – Critic, Time Out & The Times; Brian Logan – Critic, The Guardian; Dorothy Max Prior – Editor, Total Theatre Magazine; Dani Parr – Associate Director, Royal & Derngate; Kayte Potter – Co-director, Great Leap Forward; Nick Wood – The Central School of Speech & Drama; Brian Ferguson – Freelance Performer; David Star – Director.

First produced in 1997, the Total Theatre Awards at Edinburgh Festival Fringe are a well established event honoring those pushing at the boundaries of traditional theatre and the best in physical and visual performance. The Total Theatre Awards represent a unique, rigorous, transparent process and series of conversations between professional critics, academics, producers and theatre makers about excellence and innovation.

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Notes to Editors

1. A list of shows/companies nominated for Total Theatre Awards 2008 is available on request.
2. Total Theatre Awards Assessors were selected from an application process, full list available on request.
3. Total Theatre is a national agency with a strong international focus producing projects to support theatre makers and develop their audiences.
4. We are associated with the quarterly print publication Total Theatre Magazine, now produced by the University of Winchester.
5. See www.totaltheatre.org.uk for further details and addresses.