

PRESS RELEASE

Itchy Feet Theatre

Presents

My Year Without Sex

Following a successful debut at this year's Vienna Festival and a special performance in London's West End, **MY YEAR WITHOUT SEX** arrives in Australia for the Adelaide Fringe Festival and the Melbourne International Comedy Festival.

Mrs Winifred Tickletext, widow and past president of the Pembleworth Ladies Society is on a religious pilgrimage following in the footsteps of Apostle Paul. Very British, very prudish and totally starved of sex, she takes every opportunity to convert the unholy and clasp them to her ample bosom.

Religion, racism, sex, loneliness and the indomitable spirit of the lone British tourist are the main themes of the play. **Jessica Gerger** plays eighteen characters at breakneck speed, using a mix of physical theatre, mime, clowning and multimedia.

The character of Mrs Tickletext was born from the devious minds of mother and daughter team **Beverly Blankenship** and Jessica Gerger, and is based on the character Timothy Tickletext from Aphra Behn's 'The Feigned Courtesans'.

Beverly Blankenship is a leading European theatre director, having forged her career in Australia (www.beverlyblankenship.com). Australian actress Jessica Gerger trained in London and most recently appeared in the West End production of **THE VEGEMITE TALES**, also produced by **Itchy Feet Theatre**.

"Gerger hits comedy gold... It's orgasmic fun! Watch out Dame Edna, fasten your seatbelt Mrs Doubtfire, there's a new biddy on the block." – Katie Spain, Seatwave

'My Year Without Sex' is one of ten shows selected for the **BankSA Support Act Initiative** at the Adelaide Fringe Festival.

LISTING INFORMATION

Venue: The Court House, 83 Sturt Street Adelaide

Dates: 4th – 16th March, Preview 4th March, no show 10th March.

Tickets: \$22.00 Full, \$17.00 Concession, \$20.00 Preview

Times: 8pm

Bookings: Fringetix 1300 FRINGE, www.adelaidefringe.com.au or at the door

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