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UCLU Runaground Presents

A WORLD PREMIERE ADAPTATION

KING UBU

BASED ON *UBU ROI* BY ALFRED JARRY

ADAPTED AND DIRECTED BY LUKE DAVIES

Alfred Jarry's absurdist masterpiece in a brand new, brilliantly transformed adaptation from the critically acclaimed UCLU Runaground. A haphazard usurpation retold as a coup d'état at a Vaudeville Music Hall. Described by the author as 'a flaming mud pile of shit'.

King Ubu tells the story of the ambitious but cowardly Pere Ubu's rise to power, and subsequent fall. The play has a colourful production history, variously received and rejected for its idiosyncratic style and open sadism. Yet it is a seminal text; the blueprint for Absurdist Theatre. Our production explores Jarry's challenge to theatrical convention by finding a scenic equivalent within a lugubrously theatrical tradition. This is Vaudeville through screwy eyes; the love child of Kurt Weill and Kenneth Williams.

UCLU Runaground caused a stir with their debut performance of Stephen Berkoff's *East* at the 2008 Edinburgh Festival Fringe. They return to Edinburgh with two brand new shows in 2009.

LONDON PREVIEWS LISTINGS INFORMATION:

Venue: The Hen and Chickens Theatre, 109 St Paul's Road

Dates and Times: 4th-5th August @ 7.30pm

Prices: £7.00

EDINBURGH LISTINGS INFORMATION:

Venue: The Zoo, 140 The Pleasance

Dates and Time: 7th-31st August @ 10.20pm (not 17th and 24th August)

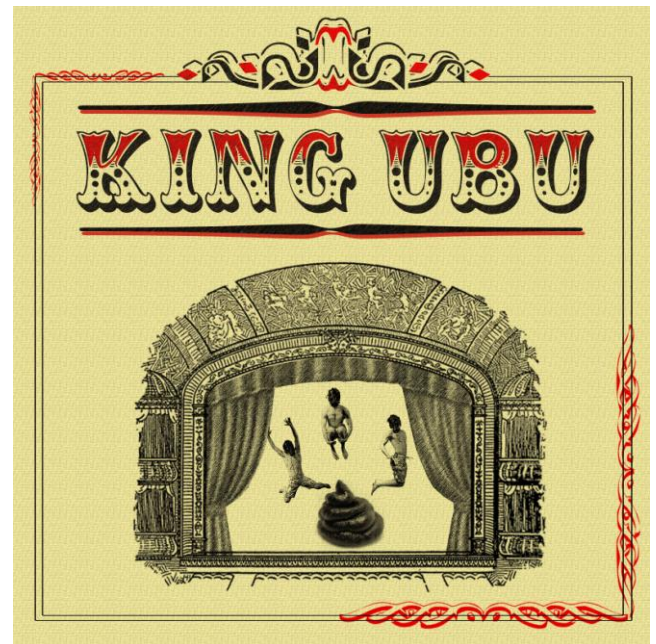
Prices: Previews (7th-8th August) - £5, Sun-Thurs - £8 (£6.50 conc.), Fri-Sat - £9 (£7.50 conc.),

Promotions: 2for1 Weekend, Friends of the Fringe, Group Discounts.

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Reviews of Stephen Berkoff's *East*, produced by UCLU Runaground in 2008, C-Soco:

**** **'Brutal... very funny'**
Broadway Baby

**** **'There is a wonderful physicality to the whole piece'**
Three Weeks

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