



## Let's Talk To Barry

2nd – 28<sup>th</sup> August 2006 (not 9<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>)

5.40pm (6.40pm)

Pleasance Jack Dome, Venue 23 Edinburgh Festival Fringe

Box Office: 0131 556 6550

Written and performed by Alex Lowe

Directed by Tim Norton

Music By Dave Heath

Also featuring the vocal talents of Catherine Tate and Iain Lee

Barry from Watford was a cult star on Iain Lee's LBC 97.3FM phone-in show. He became a familiar voice on London's popular talk radio station for over a year, phoning in a few times each week to offer the benefits of his octogenarian wisdom. Barry became the star of the show. Listeners cried when his wife Margaret left him for a Pakistani fella from the building society, they cheered loudly when kidnappers returned his singing Billy Bass fish and they made an odd 'gagging' sound when Margaret came home and got amorous with Barry, on air. London loved Barry's sunny outlook and joie de vie. Then on the 22 of March 2006, after a heated on-air clash, Barry was brutally axed. Banned by Iain Lee from calling in again.

**"Very funny"** *The Guardian* (on *The Nation's Favourite*)

Now Barry St Michael takes to the stage to recall the poignant and hilarious events that brought a major London radio station to its knees. Featuring audio clips from the radio show and a live phone-in from the stage. Sweet, doddering Barry is portrayed with great humour and sympathy by the shockingly young and handsome Alex Lowe.

**"Tremendous!"** \*\*\*\* *The Scotsman* (on *The Wrestling*)

Alex Lowe and Tim Norton have previously collaborated on Pleasance hits *The Wrestling* (1998) and *The Nations Favourite - The True Adventures of Radio 1* (1999). Alex last performed at the Fringe in 2002 in *Deep Throat Live Onstage* at the Assembly Rooms.

**"Brilliantly captured ... a stroke of genius"** *The Times* (on *The Nation's Favourite*)

Alex Lowe's writing credits include: *Alistair McGowan's Big Impression* for BBC1, *The Harringham Harker* for BBC2, *The 11 o'Clock Show* for C4 and *Celebrity Soup* for E! He's a familiar face on television, having appeared in *Phoenix Nights*, *TV Go Home*, *Spaced*, *Absolutely Fabulous*, *Time Gentlemen Please*, *Look Around You* and *Midsomer Murders* among many others. As well as his regular phone-in contributions to Iain Lee's LBC show and Christian O'Connell's Virgin Breakfast Show, Alex Lowe has hosted a weekly topical comedy show, *Download This* for XFM. He has written for and performed in *The Sunday Format* and *Loose Ends*, for Radio 4 Light Ent and *My Pregnancy Test* and *The Block* for Radio 4 Drama. He plays Brian in the Radio 4 comedy *Clare in The Community*.

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