



Trainspotting, Feminism and Religion

7th, 8th, 14th, 15th, 21st and 22nd August 2006

4.40pm (5.40pm)

Smirnoff Underbelly, Venue 61, Edinburgh Festival Fringe

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Matthew Perret and friends present intermittent afternoons of poetry, songs and story-telling about the three subjects guaranteed to make everyone's eyes glaze over : - trainspotting, feminism and religion. (Hence the name.)

“I still get quite excited by trains and I think a good train journey is absolutely the best” Michael Palin

Regular guests on the show include gorgeous songstress **Annalie Wilson**, relevant accordionist **Martin White** (“irrelevant accordion” *The Guardian*), Elvis Presley, radical feminist magician **Annette Cadabra** and nimble-fingered **Jeremy** (*The Trap*) **Limb**.

“I was the first woman to burn my bra - it took the fire department four days to put it out” Dolly Parton

Perret discovers the delights of feminism (as a man) and religion (as a non-believer). He does like trains but is ridiculed in the 'rail enthusiast' fraternity for his inability to spot numbers.

“I’m not normally a praying man, but if you’re up there, please save me superman” Homer Simpson

Matthew Perret's verse has been published in *The Guardian Weekend*, and he has performed his poetry all over Europe, including the 2006 Glastonbury festival. He is best known to Edinburgh Fringe audiences as the lead singer of cult tribute band the *Gonzo Dog-Do Bar Band* and as the author and star of award winning *Play Wisty For Me* – the first stage play examining the relationship between Peter Cook and Dudley Moore.

- Matthew's favourite train is God's Train of Destiny - the one that's thundering down the track
- Matthew's favourite religion is Woman Worship
- Matthew's favourite feminist is the Reverend W. Awdry

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