



The Unicorn Theatre presents

A New Comedy

The Flying Machine

By Phil Porter

Directed by Rosamunde Hutt

2 May - 1 June 2008

In the decaying children's ward of St. Ruth's Eye Hospital, Nurse Cakebread rules her charges (who never seem able to go home) with an iron and eccentric fist. She doesn't like fun. She doesn't like children.

Enter Boniek Strangleman, armed with a set of blueprints and a cunning plan. As Cakebread, unaware of the arrival of a revolutionary in her midst, dreams of a fortnight in a bikini on Zakynthos, Boniek leads a dare devil break-out.

The Flying Machine is a new adventure in the Colditz/Great Escape tradition, where seemingly impossible schemes might just work.

The third new play of 2008, **The Flying Machine** is a Unicorn commission from Phil Porter.

Phil Porter's previous work includes *My Parents Are Aliens* (ITV), *Pocoyo* (ITV), *Katie's Pictures* (Channel 5), *Stealing Sweets And Punching People* (Theatre 503 & Off Broadway), *Smashed Eggs* (Arts Council Children's Award 2003), translation of *The Stonewatcher* (National Theatre) and the libretto for *Pinocchio* (Royal Opera House) "I can't think of a children's show I've wanted to see again so much." The Independent (on Pinocchio).

The Flying Machine is directed by Rosamunde Hutt, Associate Artistic Director of the Unicorn, whose production of *Duck!* at Christmas received unanimously excellent reviews. Design is by Jane Linz Roberts, with lighting by Nick MacLiammoir and music composed by Graeme Miller.

For Ages 7+

Press Performance: Tuesday 6 May at 7.00pm.

Reviewers are welcome at all performances after 6 May 2008.

You can also participate in the full Unicorn experience. Attend an hour and a half theatre workshop, see *The Flying Machine* and then meet the cast. Limited to 20 people per session. Family Days - 3, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24 and 31 May

For more information and reviewing tickets please contact Vid Simoniti on 020 7645 0545 or vid.simoniti@unicorntheatre.com

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Listings Information

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Unicorn Theatre

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Morning and afternoon performances; see website or call the box office for details.

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