

Underbelly & Briefs Factory Presents

DG → PR

BRIEFS: CLOSE ENCOUNTERS LANDS IN LEICESTER SQUARE for FESTIVE SEASON



The world's hottest all-male boylesque group will grab Christmas by the baubles in their dazzling headlining show **BRIEFS: CLOSE ENCOUNTERS** as it smashes into the stunning **Leicester Square Spiegeltent** for the festive season from **9 November 2018 – 3 January 2019 (press night Wednesday 14 November 2018 at 7.30pm – runs 100 minutes)**.

BRIEFS: CLOSE ENCOUNTERS is an insanely uplifting show as the Briefs boys blend and bend the rules with their out of this world circus skills, drop dead gorgeous drag, raucous comedy, and trademark punkish swagger. **Briefs: Close Encounters** is unique, magnificently slick and genre-defying spectacular show that gloriously breaks all the rules as it takes its audience to the third dimension! Seriously, the perfect night out for everyone 16+ over the festive season!

This masculine troupe of seriously gorgeous guys from Oz is led by the beautiful, sassy and fabulous emcee, Shivannah, aka Artistic Director **Fez Fa'anana**. The cast of buff characters includes: one of Australia's leading circus showmen **Captain Kidd** (2011's Las Vegas King of Burlesque); acrobat and clownish time-hopping rabbit **Dale Woodbridge-Brown** (Kamilaroi boy and proud of his Aboriginal heritage); superstar aerialist **Thomas Worrell**, defying gravity and tying himself in knots above the crowd; the magnificent dancer **Brett Rosengreen** who is Briefs' very own James Dean meets cheeky cherub; and the youngest member of Briefs, the loveable rogue and boy wonder **Louis Biggs**, who steals the hearts of audiences throughout the show. Finally, a Brit has landed in the hallowed troupe: **Harry Clayton-Wright** is the Blackpool boy done good, an anarchic provocateur, performance artist and so much more!

Briefs Factory celebrates 10 years by breaking through the glass ceiling and explode on London's West End scene with the life affirming **BRIEFS: CLOSE ENCOUNTERS**, as the Briefs warriors journey through space to the future where there is a place for everyone. What more could you want from a joyous and celebratory festive show?! **BRIEFS: CLOSE ENCOUNTERS** = Christmas with a glitter ball on top!!

As if that wasn't excitement enough for the festive season **Briefs Factory** are also presenting two other shows in **Leicester Square Spiegeltent**: **CLUB BRIEFS** and **BRAT KIDS CARNIVAL** - their truly high octane children's show featuring members from the Briefs Factory Family including cast members from *Hot Brown Honey*.

BRAT KIDS CARNIVAL – is a high-energy super fun variety show for all the family from tots to teenagers (4+). Mischief makers Briefs have created a noisy, fun show for kids who love spectacle, top notch circus skills, flying acrobatics, edgy dancing, pumping music and cheeky clowning antics. This show holds its young audience in high regard with nothing wishy-washy: this is something unique, involved and inclusive. Put on your party outfit and

express yourself with a boogie (on stage!) at the **BRAT KIDS CARNIVAL!** The 45 minute children's show will play during the daytime from **Saturday 10 November – Saturday 30 December 2018.**

CLUB BRIEFS – the seriously X-rated, sexcellent, weekend trash glamour disco circus cabaret club! The late-night variety show with ridiculously brilliant performances from the Briefs boys who are joined by world class cabaret and circus special guests. Get down, dirty and wet at the debauchorous disco after party - for 18+! **CLUB BRIEFS** runs weekends from **Friday 9 November – Saturday 29 December 2018** (90 minutes).

And finally **CLUB BRIEFS: NYE EXTRAVAGANZA!** – the only place to be on New Year's Eve! Trash, glamour, disco, circus and guaranteed hilarity from the Briefs boys and spectacular special guests. Dress code: extravagance! Live your best life and feel the fantasy as Club Briefs countdown in the capital to 2019!

The festive season starts in the magical **Leicester Square Spiegeltent** with **BRIEFS: CLOSE ENCOUNTERS** – where all your Christmas wishes come true!

And enjoy as **Christmas in Leicester Square** is transformed into a wintery haven - the destination for all your festive fun with Santa's Grotto, Christmas market, bars and food!

"Spectacular" — ★★★★★ Time Out
WINNER "Best Circus" — Perth World Fringe Festival 2018

BRIEFS: CLOSE ENCOUNTERS

Director: Fez Fa'anana
Musical Director: Busty Beatz
Lighting Design: Paul Lim
Costume Design: Dallas Dellaforce
Executive Producer: Linda Catalano

Cast includes:

Host: Fez Fa'anana
Captain Kidd
Thomas Worrell
Louis Biggs
Harry Clayton-Wright
Dale Woodbridge-Brown
Brett Rosengreen

**PRODUCTION PHOTOGRAPHY FOR BRIEFS: CLOSE ENCOUNTERS
and BRAT KIDS CARNIVAL: [HERE](#)**

BRIEFS: CLOSE ENCOUNTERS TRAILER: [HERE](#)
Broadcast quality

BRAT KIDS CARNIVAL TRAILER: [HERE](#)

SEE BELOW FOR FULL LISTINGS INFORMATION...

**For further information, interviews, reviews tickets please contact
Deborah Goodman at DGPR on
+0044 (0)208 959 9980 publicity@dgpr.co.uk**

Underbelly & Briefs Factory Presents
**BRIEFS: CLOSE ENCOUNTERS, BRAT KIDS CARNIVAL,
CLUB BRIEFS**
in
LEICESTER SQUARE SPIEGELTENT

PLUS Shows, Santa's Grotto, Christmas market, food, bars all in one place at
CHRISTMAS IN LEICESTER SQUARE (09/11/18-06/01/19)

Venue: Leicester Square Spiegelent, Leicester Square Gardens, Leicester Square,
WC2H 7NA

Leicester Square site open: 09/11/18-06/01/19.

Monday - Friday 12pm - 10pm, Saturday - Sunday 10am - 10pm

For full programme information on all shows + Santa's Grotto, European-Style
Christmas market, bars and foods:

Box Office: www.christmasinleicestersquare.com
0333 344 4167

BRIEFS: CLOSE ENCOUNTERS - The world's hottest all-male boylesque
group will grab Christmas by the baubles in their dazzling new show

Dates: **Friday 9 November 2018 – Thursday 3 January 2019**
8 weeks only!!

Times: 7.30pm Wednesday – Sunday (additional performance Tuesday 18th December)
Matinees 3pm Saturday (except 22nd December)

Running Time: 100 mins – including interval

Age: Recommended 16+

Ticket Prices:

Preview pricing:

Friday 9 November - Sunday 11 November inclusive - stalls: £20, posh seats: £25,
booths: £150.

Press Night: Wednesday 14th November 2018 at 7.30pm

Post Press night:

Friday - Sunday – Stalls £35.50/ Posh Seats £41.50/ Private Booth £221.50

Wednesday – Thursday – Stalls £28.50/ Posh Seats £35.50/ Private Booth £186.50

BRAT KIDS CARNIVAL – high-energy super fun variety show for all the family

Dates: **Saturday 10 November 2018 – Sunday 30 December**

Times: Saturday: 11am and 1pm
Sunday: 1pm and 3pm
Wednesday – Friday **from 12 December**: 3pm

Running Time: 45 mins – no interval

Age: Tots to teenagers – recommended 4+

Ticket Prices:

Saturday and Sunday – Stalls £15.50/ Family Price £13.75 (per ticket. 4 tickets required)

Wednesday – Friday – Stalls £11.50/ Family Price £10.25 (per ticket. 4 tickets required)

Press Days: Saturday 17 November at 11am and 1pm + Sunday 18 November at 1pm

CLUB BRIEFS – the seriously X-rated late night weekend trash glamour disco circus cabaret club!

Dates: **Friday 9 November – Sunday 30 December 2018**

Times: Fridays and Saturdays: 10.15pm

Running Time: 90 mins

Age: **Strictly 18+**

Tickets: From £23.50p.

Press Night: Wednesday 14 November 2018 at 7.30pm

CLUB BRIEFS: NYE EXTRAVAGANZA! The place to be in London this NYE! Trash, glamour, disco, circus. Suggested dress code: EXTRAVAGANCE.

Date: **Monday 31 December 2018**

Time: 10pm – 2.15am!!!

Running Time: 240 mins

Age: **Strictly 18+**

Ticket Prices: Stalls £41.50/ Posh Seats £61.50/ Private Booth £301.50

Notes To Editors:

Underbelly

Underbelly is a UK based live entertainment company, its festivals and events division produces a number of events annually, including Underbelly at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, Underbelly Festival on London's Southbank, Underbelly Festival Hong Kong, Edinburgh's Christmas and Edinburgh's Hogmanay on behalf of the City of Edinburgh Council, Christmas in Leicester Square and, West End Live in Trafalgar Square on behalf of the Society of London Theatre and Westminster City Council.

2017 marked their fifth year producing Edinburgh's Christmas for the City of Edinburgh Council, and their first year producing Edinburgh's Hogmanay (also for the City of Edinburgh Council), one of the world's leading New Year Festivals lasting three days in Scotland's stunning capital city and drawing an estimated 150,000 people from Scotland and around the world.

Through its Underbelly Productions arm, it produces and promotes live theatre in London's West End, throughout the UK and on tour internationally. Focusing on revivals of plays and musicals as well as commissions, their credits to date include, the Olivier Award nominated revival of Clarke Peters' Five Guys Named Moe in association with Cameron Mackintosh and directed by Clarke Peters' himself, performed in a specially constructed theatre at Marble Arch. In 2017, Underbelly sold 1.3 million tickets to its festival events and shows. **www.underbelly.co.uk**

Briefs Factory is an Australian creative collective who manufacture, cultivate and present evocative, irreverent, physical performance. Best known for their flagship project Briefs, the company's work also includes Hot Brown Honey, Club Briefs, Brat Kids Carnival and now Slumber Party. Inspired by circus, drag, dance, burlesque, music, comedy and the ever-changing world around them, Briefs Factory are dedicated to developing and touring their brand of award winning, genre defying, political party punk around the world. **f: @briefsfactory | t: @briefsfactory | i: @briefsfactory | w: briefsfactory.com**

**For further information, interviews, reviews tickets please contact
Deborah Goodman at DGPR on
+0044 (0)208 959 9980 publicity@dgpr.co.uk**