

# Edinburgh Festival Fringe – BEASTS



**Venue: Pleasance Courtyard | Pleasance Below, 31 July – 26 August (not 13th), 4.45pm (5.45pm) Tickets: Full price £7.50-£10 | Previews £6**

After last year's critically-acclaimed "impressive debut" (The List), sketch monsters BEASTS return with a brand new hour of inspired silliness.

BEASTS are in fact an Englishman, an Irishman and a Welshman: James McNicholas, Ciarán Dowd and Owen Roberts. In 2012 they made their Edinburgh bow at the Pleasance Courtyard, gathering a plethora of four star reviews and an in-depth knowledge of late-night Scottish cuisine in the process.

Between them, BEASTS have assembled a variety of acting credits. You may remember Ciarán Dowd as a charming hotel manager in 'Shadowline' (BBC). You may remember him as a grumpy barman in 'Torchwood' (BBC). You may not remember him.

Owen Roberts has been seen successfully upstaging and undermining a perfectly decent production of 'The Importance of Being Earnest' at the Theatre Royal Haymarket and exposing himself to complete strangers in the comedy 'Nude' at the Pleasance Courtyard in 2008.

James McNicholas has appeared in productions at the Theatre Royal Haymarket, Mernier Chocolate Factory and Old Vic Tunnels. He has appeared in other factories and tunnels too, primarily as a labourer. As a group, BEASTS have appeared on BBC Radio.