

Edinburgh Festival Fringe – Dirty Laundry



**Underbelly Cowgate – Iron Belly 1st-25th August 2013 21.25 No
show 13th Aug**

Written by Rachel Hirons, Directed by Kat Hault, Produced by
Joe Brown

Writer Rachel Hirons returns to the Underbelly with a brand new comedy following the huge success of *When Women Wee* and *A Guide to Second Date Sex*, both of which received critical acclaim followed by a sell-out run at the Soho Theatre, London. The film rights for *When Women Wee* have since been optioned by film producer Damian Jones and now entitled *Powder Room* is set for release this summer starring Bafta award winner Sheridan Smith, Jaime Winstone, Oona Chaplin and Kate Nash. Rachel is also currently developing original sitcoms with the BBC and Sky.

This year Rachel Hirons, “bordering on genius” (*Cult of VHS*) and director Kat Hault “unlike anything else around” (*Time Out*), Artistic Director of the critically acclaimed Alley Kat Productions, join forces to bring us the rawest, most darkly comedic portrayal of how voyeuring through the dirty laundry of a colourful array of characters, one unassuming, working class woman finds herself at the epicentre of the juiciest, most disturbing scandal her small town has ever known. Proving madness is closer to genius than ever imagined; *Dirty Laundry* offers a thoroughly disturbing and twisted take on society’s obsession and over-exposure to trash mags and trash TV today.

The spectacular cast of three include Hayley Jayne Standing of *Skins*, *Quick Cuts* and *New Tricks* fame alongside the “wildly talented” (*Independent*) Matthew Floyd Jones best-known as one

half of the acclaimed cabaret double act Frisky & Mannish, with whom he has played the West End, Shepherd's Bush Empire, Sydney Opera House, Melbourne Comedy Festival, and the New Zealand International Arts Festival. Matthew has also featured on BBC2's The Culture Show and numerous appearances on BBC Radio 1. The cast of three is complemented by upcoming comedy sensation Lizzie Daykin of Toby fame.