

# Edinburgh Festival Fringe – Pendulums Bargain Emporium



**Venue: Pleasance Dome Venue 23. Dates: 31 Jul – 24 Aug (not 13) Time: 16.20 (ends 17.20) Tickets: £11 – £8 (previews 31 Jul, 1, 2 Aug £6)**

Following the TV success of Mr Selfridge and The Paradise, quirky shops are big in 2013. This new show from the creators of Memoirs of a Biscuit Tin is told with humour, intimacy and charm using Maison Foo's inventively charming visual blend of storytelling, puppetry and live music. A modern day fairy-tale for grownups inspired by 'The Elves and the Shoemaker' and set in a high street store nestling somewhere between House of Fraser and Selfridges, a desperate darkly comic tale of necessity versus greed.

Maison Foo present Pendulums Bargain Emporium 'the high street store that offers more than you bargained for' new show from acclaimed 'Memoirs of a Biscuit Tin' hitmakers

Brought to you by the creators of Edinburgh 2010 sell out smash hit 'Memoirs of a Biscuit Tin', Maison Foo entices you to join them on a darkly comic and shameless shopping experience like no other.

Inspired by 'The Elves and the Shoemaker', Pendulums Bargain Emporium is set in a modern high street store located somewhere between House of Fraser and Selfridges. This desperate tale of necessity versus greed, touches on themes such as consumerism but is told with humour, intimacy and charm using Maison Foo's trademark inventive blend of storytelling, puppetry and live music, raising the question 'what lengths do we go to, to make ourselves happy?'

Maison Foo have created another highly engaging, innovative and thought-provoking piece of theatre, taking the audience on a memorable trip through the darker sides of the retail industry, via some wonderfully humorous satire. The story focuses on the greedy wife of an artisan shoemaker, who has built her empire out of the shoemaker's desperate and desolate last piece of leather. But in an empire full of merchandise that claim to bring happiness, can the wife ever truly be happy herself?

Pendulums Bargain Emporium is where happiness and success are seemingly just one simple transaction away.

Maison Foo first came to national attention with their highly acclaimed sell out show *Memoirs Of A Biscuit Tin* at the 2010 Edinburgh Festival Fringe. They also took the show on an extensive UK tour through autumn 2011 and spring 2012 to further critical acclaim and sold out notices.

Maison Foo has been tickling audience's imaginations since 2007 with their trademark mischievous new theatre incorporating an enchanting mix of visual/physical theatre, puppetry, object manipulation and clowning. This exciting East Midlands based company charmingly challenge audiences by devising intriguing and inventive high quality theatre.

Pendulums Bargain Emporium was commissioned by Derby Theatre, LOV and Déda and has been supported by Hatch and The Castle Wellingborough. The show is also supported using public funding by the National Lottery through Arts Council England. It is suitable for ages 12+