

## Press Release



**Rick Lau (Hong Kong)**

### ***My Queer Valentine***

**- a roller-coaster cabaret journey to find his rainbow utopia**

#### **An Army shower stall in Fire Island and lesbian seagulls on Noah's Ark?**

Hong Kong born Rick Lau recently covered the lead role of Engineer in the Australian national tour of *Miss Saigon*. A huge hit at the Hong Kong City Festival where it's wowed audiences with his mixture of comedy, pathos and music, ***My Queer Valentine*** is a musical celebration of, and homage to, the lives of the misfits.

The love that dare not speak its name is now the love that can't shut the hell up! From Cole Porter's lyrics full of homosexual innuendo to Lorenz Hart's autobiographically anguished lyrics, to Jerry Herman's bright optimism, Stephen Sondheim's wry irony, Kander & Ebb's dark world and Rufus Wainwright's modern sensibility, ***My Queer Valentine*** shines a spotlight on those who skirt away from the mainstream in the often complex and dubious areas of sexuality and the personal stories that define their lives.

'A one-man tour de force... Lau's haunting vocals and razor-sharp wit had the audience stomping for more' – ***The Australian***

'A one man revolution' – ***fridae.com***

'Imbued with a hefty sense of emotion and playful wit' – ***Time Out Hong Kong***

'Evocative and intensely personal... Rick Lau cast a spell over his audience'

– ***South China Morning Post***

'Lau's song choice is brilliant... intimate, engaging cabaret at its best' – ***AziaCity.com***

**Accompanied by Warren Wills**

**Directed by Tony Taylor**

**When:** Preview Aug 6-7 8pm (1hr) £ 5  
Aug 8-17, 19-30 8pm (1hr) £ 11/ £ 9 (Fri-Sun), £ 10/ £ 8 (Mon-Thu)

**Where:** Universal Arts @St Georges West  
Venue 8, 58 Shandwick Place, Edinburgh

**Bookings:** 0844 477 1000  
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