



The 2009 Fringe - 2nd to 25th May
Registration opens 3rd November 2008
Registration closes 9th February 2009

Hello Spiegeltent, goodbye Udderbelly – Fringe venue news

Brighton Festival Fringe is delighted to announce that the Parlure Spiegeltent will return to Brighton and Hove in 2009.

The city's favourite 1930s travelling theatre will set up camp again next May following its fabulous Fringe debut in 2008.

Meanwhile we wave goodbye to the Udderbelly: the purple cow will not return to the Fringe but is off to graze in pastures new - watch this space for exciting developments on what will replace it.

Fringe manager Nick Stockman said: "I'm absolutely delighted the Spiegeltent is returning and excited about their plans for 2009. We're continually talking to promoters about any vacant sites or venues and will announce any new projects for 2009 as soon as they're confirmed."

Jessica Magill, project manager at the Parlure Spiegeltent, said: "We're very excited to be coming back: we really appreciated the support from Brighton last year and are going to build on that in 2009 - we're already putting together a strong cabaret programme."

Fringe 2009 will run from May 2 to May 25, including three weekends of outdoor showcase events at Fringe City and Fringe Streets. The Ladyboys of Bangkok will also be bringing their Thai glamour back to the festival.

Performers and promoters wanting to register for next year's Fringe should go to www.brightonfestivalfringe.org.uk. Signing up before **December 31 2008** nets you an **early bird discount** and the final deadline is **February 9 2009**.

About Brighton Festival Fringe

The Fringe is an open access festival – anyone can put on an event, from theatre to circus to visual arts.

It is the world's third largest Fringe festival after Edinburgh and Adelaide. Last year

we sold 100,000 tickets (two for every one sold at the main Brighton Festival) for 600 events in 240 venues.

This year we have confirmed our headline sponsors First Capital Connect and Southern Water will again be sponsoring Fringe City.

The Fringe is a registered charity with an independent board of directors.

For Fringe information contact Kate Morrison, Press Officer, on katem@brightonfestivalfringe.org.uk or 01273 260804.

For more information on the **Parlure Spiegeltent** go to www.theparlure.com. Last year's Parlure programme included award-winning folk musician **Seth Lakeman**, rockabilly wunderkinds **Kitty, Daisy and Lewis** and indulgent club night **Guilty Pleasures**.