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FRINGE FIRST: MERMAN ON BROADWAY

Dominic Mattos delivers stunning tribute to Ethel Merman

A fine tribute to the show-business legend, Ethel Merman, is due to feature at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe 2009 in the show *Merman on Broadway*... and by none other than a man.

Oxford Theology graduate Dominic Mattos, a publisher of religious books by day, dons his kaftan and stilettos, borrows his girlfriend's eyeliner, and continues the recently resurrected Merman's 100th Birthday Tour fresh from sell-out shows in London, where additional dates had to be scheduled due to demand.

'The wildly talented Dominic Mattos... pays mindblowing tribute'
- TIME OUT LONDON (CRITICS' CHOICE)

Essentially a career retrospective, *Merman on Broadway* recreates Merman's 1960s Las Vegas cabaret set, and includes unpublished songs which have been specially transcribed from rare recordings specifically for this production.

'Mattos' incredible voice captures the Merman bluster admirably... Bold and brash like Merman herself... also strangely touching, an unusual treat... for Merman fans (and) for normal people too!'
- SPOONFED LONDON, ARTS GUIDE

2009 marks the centenary of Merman's birth, the 25th anniversary of her death, and the 50th anniversary of the opening of her greatest musical, *Gypsy*. *Merman on Broadway* features all her hits, including 'I Get a Kick Out of You', 'Blow Gabriel Blow', 'Anything Goes', 'Everything's Coming Up Roses' and, of course, 'There's No Business like Showbusiness'.

'...all the style of the singer herself, the waving arms, the full-throated belting voice and the attitude of a real star diva.'
- MICHAEL DARVELL, CLASSICAL SOURCE

Merman on Broadway is performing daily at 21.50 at C-Venues, Chambers Street, Edinburgh, from Sunday 23 August to Monday 31 August. Tickets can be booked by contacting the Box Office on 0845 260 1234 or, for further information, visit www.joyouspieproductions.co.uk

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LISTINGS INFORMATION /

SHOW: MERMAN ON BROADWAY
VENUE: C-VENUES, CHAMBERS STREET
VENUE NO: 34
DATES: 23 - 31 AUGUST
TIMES: 21.50
RUNNING TIME: 50 mins



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TICKETS: £8.50 - £10.50 (Conc. £7.50 - £9.50)
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