

Press Release

# HAMLET IN SHOCK SWIMMING POOL ROMP!

## Some calling it Water-gate. Michael Barrymore denies any involvement.

Following the success last year of *Crave by Sarah Kane*, the same creative team from the University of Birmingham based 3BUGS Fringe Theatre return with a uniquely contemporary Shakespearean adaptation...



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# Ophelia (drowning)

Based on the original play *Pushing the Prince into Denmark* by Deborah Levy  
Reworked and directed by Daniel Marchese Robinson and Daniel Pitt

Everyone knows how she meets her end, but at this Edinburgh Fringe you are invited to discover the reasons behind the drowning of Ophelia.

Inspired by John Everett Millais' beautifully haunting painting 'Ophelia', having taken Deborah Levy's evocative dialogue 'Pushing the Prince into Denmark' as a starting point and fusing it together with original text from Shakespeare's *Hamlet* (plus a few pop songs put in for good measure), to be performed in a hotel swimming pool, 3BUGS have created a piece of truly experimental, post-modern theatre.

Once Ophelia's lover, The Prince has moved on to his 'other woman' – a new character, The Lover. Ophelia, distraught, contemplates love, life and death under the watchful eye of her would-be mother-in-law, Gertrude. Which way should she go? This way? Or *that* way?

A site-specific performance taking place in, around, and on the pool of the Apex Hotel. No need for swimming costumes, but please be prepared to sit without chairs. Strictly limited capacity.

***Ophelia (drowning) is a candle lit meditation on suicide and betrayal. Shocking, yet beautiful; serene, with a splash. A living, breathing, drowning painting.***

Praise for 'Crave' by Sarah Kane, 2008:

**'Haunting and incredibly beautiful' \*\*\*\*\* , *Three Weeks*  
'Breathtaking.' \*\*\*\* , *British Theatre Guide***

Sweet Swimming Pool (Venue 16)

**5 - 18 August**

**21.30 (22.10)**

Previews: 5 – 6 Aug

Box Office: 0870 241 0136

Ticket prices: £7-£10 Previews: £5

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