

TURF LOVE PRESENTS

Beating Berlusconi!



.....a play of two halves.....

"Duckworth can play at least three parts at once."
NERVE MAGAZINE

"...a great, celebratory, working class, bash the rich piece of theatre..."
THE STAGE

"Mesmerising...dizzy and hilarious scattergun scenes. The gags flowed all evening."
LIVERPOOL ECHO

"Hilarious and touching.. This play isn't just based on a true story. It's based on thousands."
LIVERPOOL POST

1981, Margaret Thatcher - 2005, Silvio Berlusconi
.....revenge takes many forms.....

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Scouse chucklemeister Kenny Noonan returns in.....

BEATING BERLUSCONI!

a true story

STARRING

PAUL
DUCKWORTH

(Ringo in BACKBEAT)



WRITER
JOHN GRAHAM
DAVIES
DIRECTOR
MATT RUTTER
VISUAL DESIGN
MIKE WIGHT

Despite threats from his wife and bank manager, middle-aged Kenny Noonan travels to Istanbul to watch Liverpool play AC Milan in the Champions' League Final. He carries the scars of thirty years as a Red and of living in a city which has been demonised. What happened to Liverpool FC in the second half is legend. What happened to Kenny in the AC Milan directors' box is stranger than fiction.

"A must for anyone - theatre fan, Liverpool fan or otherwise. Any play that can genuinely bring out the laughter and tears in equal measure is worthy of any stage." 5 STARS

LIVERPOOL DAILY POST

BEATING BERLUSCONI! is based on the bizarre true story of a real Liverpool fan who ended up sitting next to Silvio Berlusconi at the Attaturk stadium, helped himself to free bubbly and salmon, and when Liverpool equalised almost had a fight with the Italian PM. Paul Duckworth's forty incarnations ("a hypnotising wizard" EXTRA! EXTRA!) achieved cult status during the 2010 national tour and London World Cup run.

"Duckworth exudes passion" THE TIMES

"Duckworth switches brilliantly from one character to the next in dizzy and often hilarious scattergun scenes." LIVERPOOL ECHO

"For non football fans - give Beating Berlusconi a try. It'll surprise you if you let it." THE BRITISH THEATRE REVIEW

"Paul Duckworth's solo performance is truly a tour de force.... John Graham Davies' script is flawless: supremely funny throughout ... this is a truly unmissable production, and one that will have you laughing, crying, and then laughing again." THE PUBLIC REVIEWS

"The play comes at a perfect time. As the coalition Tory-led government takes form, the show is ripe to question both the Conservative and Labour mishaps of the last thirty years, and makes no apologies doing so. You don't have to be a football fan to enjoy this spectacle, all you need is an open heart and a love for the human soul." EXTRA! EXTRA!

BEATING BERLUSCONI is the hilarious story of one man's attempt to rediscover his belief in himself, his club, his city and his class.

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Thurs July 7th 7.30 £5

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AND THE PRESS CONTINUE TO RAVE.....

"It's not a play about football, it's a play about the heart of a city and how and why it beats. 9/10"

LIVERPOOL ECHO 9/4/10

"Paul Duckworth gives one of those tour-de-force performances, a brilliantly observed piece of audience-pleasing theatre that gets really emotional when it matters... a sparkling script... ...a great night out..."

EDINBURGH STAGE, 5/3/10

"...brilliantly conceived and executed..."

NOTTINGHAM EVENING NEWS, 26/2/10