

THE MALCOLM HARDEE AWARD 2008 - nominations

The shortlist for the 2008 Malcolm Hardee Award for comedy has been announced. The Award is for "comic originality of thought or performance" at the Edinburgh Fringe and is for the individual not for the show. It commemorates anarchic comedian and club owner Malcolm Hardee, the late 'godfather of alternative comedy', infamous for his stunts at the Fringe. He drowned in 2005. A Fringe award will be made annually until 2017.

The five 2008 nominees are:

Edward Aczel: Do I Really Have to Communicate With You (Underbelly)

Peter Buckley Hill (PBH Free Fringe)

Aindreas de Staic (Sweet, Grassmarket)

The Fringe Box Office - for introducing surreal humour into the normally dull ticketing process

Otto Kuhnle: 1000 Years of German Humour (Underbelly)

A special nod but no nomination goes to:

Gill Smith: OCD: My Family and Other Anals (Laughing Horse @ The Counting House)

Gill sent an e-mail nominating herself for the Award on the basis that she could then legitimately put on her posters "Nominee - The Malcolm Hardee Award" - and pointed out that she believed Malcolm would have approved of this. He would indeed, but she gets disqualified for being a smart arse, though she is obviously logically right to call herself a Nominee on her posters.

The Awards will be presented by Malcolm Hardee's son Frank and sister Clare during the "Late 'n' Live" show at the Gilded Balloon, Edinburgh, on Friday night 22nd August - really the early hours of Saturday 23rd August, as the show starts at 01.00am.

Acts performing on the show will include Doktor CocaColaMcDonalds, Phil Kay and Jim Jeffries.

Further details on:

www.malcolmhardee.co.uk/award