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Greene Shoots Theatre
Molière's
The Hypochondriac
by Molière, adapted by
Oliver Pengelly & Dawn Wylie



Greene Shoots Theatre return to the Fringe with a radical reinvention of a classic comedy

The Hypochondriac (or *Le Malade Imaginaire*), originally conceived by **Molière** as a comedy-ballet, famously satirises the self-proclaimed 'medicinal miracle makers' operating in 17th century Paris. It debuted in 1673 with **Molière** himself in the leading role as the miserly Argan in what turned out to be his final stage performance.

In a thrilling new adaptation by **Dawn Wylie** and **Oliver Pengelly**, Molière's script is reinvented as a fast-paced, fun and frantic piece of high-energy storytelling. The familiar characters of Argan, Toinette and Bèline are re-created in an anachronistic punk-restoration world where their actions are always at the mercy of the mischievous ensemble of watching storytellers. This talented young cast bring the story to life using puppetry, physical theatre and choral work to create an unforgettable new production that will have all the family enthralled.

Greene Shoots Theatre return to the Fringe for their sixth year. Currently comprising 19 actors aged between 17 and 18 from **Berkhamsted School** in Hertfordshire, the company takes its name from one of its famous ex-pupils **Graham Greene**. **Greene Shoots Theatre** has rapidly developed a reputation for reinterpreting classic texts using its trademark slick ensemble performance style and this production plans to be no different. Following a sell-out run in Berkhamsted in December 2015 the company are delighted to be bringing **Molière's The Hypochondriac** to the Fringe and are confident that this is their best show yet.

'The company never missed a beat... A delightful production with a really wonderful company clearly having fun' ★★★★★ New Current, 2014

'A hit! Well timed, funny and incredibly acted: The Venetian Twins is a MUST SEE show' ★★★★★ New Current, 2010

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Listings Information

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| Venue | C, venue 34, Edinburgh Festival Fringe |
| Dates | 14-20 Aug |
| Time | 12:00 (1h00) |
| Ticket prices | £7.50-£9.50 / concessions £5.50-£7.50 / children £3.50-£5.50 |
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