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Cohrus Theatre **Parentcraft** by Stephen Smith



When the midwife fails to arrive for an antenatal class, more than a few secrets are revealed

A group of parents-to-be await their first antenatal class. Sharon, who claims she has already had 7 children, takes charge handing out poorly-spelt name labels and telling everyone what's what. We meet awkward couple Susan and Derek, with Derek boasting about his side-line making skateboards out of trays for local children for a good profit, much to the horror of Lesley, who works for HMRC – cue 40 mins of awkward back-peddling. Siobhan isn't quite sure who the father of her baby is and isn't the sharpest knife in the box, misinterpreting almost everything said by everyone.

As the play moves on and the midwife is still nowhere to be seen, Lesley becomes more agitated at the waste of time, Susan reveals she's unhappy in her marriage and Siobhan notices three of their names start with S! The play is filled with awkward British humour as well as brilliant one-liners and an unexpected twist at the end with the group discovering one member is not a parent-to-be at all...

Cohrus Theatre is an emerging theatre company. The company gets its name from founding members Polly Cohen and Hayley Russell. Polly is a 5th Year Medical student at UCL, with experience in improvised, sketch and stand-up comedy and usually a director of more serious plays tackling women's health issues... a handy combination for Parentcraft! Hayley is a recent UCL graduate, with experience of producing multiple fringe shows with UCLU Runaground, and a variety of large-scale and touring productions back in London. Joining them is Assistant Producer and Technical Whizz Andrew Hulse, and the play features the comedy and talent of Jack Tivey, Hansy Shore, Alisha Iyer, Maddy Stewart and Hannah Parker.

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Listings Information

Venue	C royale , Royal Society of Edinburgh, 22 George Street, EH2 2PQ, venue 6
Dates	2-21 Aug
Time	15:00 (0h50)
Ticket prices	£8.50-£10.50 / concessions £6.50-£8.50
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