



THEATURTLE/THRESHOLD present

Kafka and Son

adapted by Mark Cassidy and Alon Nashman

" A thrilling adaptation... brilliantly realized in Mark Cassidy's production. Alon Nashman's performance of both roles is **flawless vocally, physically and imaginatively.**"

– *National Post*

At the age of 36 Franz Kafka was still living at home, a petty bureaucrat, a failed artist, a timid Jewish son. Ruling and ruining his life was his overbearing father, Hermann. What to do? Kafka wrote, in this case a 50 page letter to his father in which he reveals deep connections between his life and his fiction. As he confesses in the letter "All my writing was about you." Adapted from this monumental (and undelivered) letter, *Kafka and Son* is a blistering, often hilarious, dissection of domestic authority, and a revelatory visit with one of the architects of the modern psyche.

Kafka and Son features actor Alon Nashman (*Democracy, Scorched, Slings and Arrows*), selected as Toronto's number one theatre artist of 2008 by NOW Magazine, and is directed by Threshold Theatre's Mark Cassidy (*As I Lay Dying, Howl, Forms of Devotion*). The show has travelled with acclaim across Canada and to the National Theatre of Iceland, where it ran parallel to the Theatre Vesturport (Iceland) and Lyric Hammersmith (UK) co-production of Kafka's *Metamorphosis*.

" **bitterly funny, heartbreaking and chilling...**
go and see this remarkable production." – *CBC Winnipeg*

" A double performance of extreme and precise virtuosity." – *Edmonton Journal*

" Chilling, unexpectedly, grotesquely funny at times, *Kafka and Son* is **pure, unadulterated, surreal goodness.**"
– *VueWeekly Edmonton*

" The **best show** I've seen at the Fringe. The performance took my breath away." – *CBC Ottawa*

At a glance: **Kafka and Son**

Venue: **Bedlam Theatre (venue 49)**, 11B Bristo Place

Previews: **6–7 August (Press invited!) 5.30pm** (£6/5)

Runs: **8-28 August (not 16 & 17) 2.30pm** (£12/10)

Bedlam Box Office: **0131 225 9893** and www.bedlamfringe.co.uk

Fringe Box Office: **0131 226 0000** and www.edfringe.com

photos, press package, and video available at www.kafkaandson.com

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" *Kafka and Son* can't help but tower over the Fringe." – *The Gazette Montreal*