



THEATRE

Shaolin Punk

Presents

A Record or an OBE

"I would like to thank the other two Goodies, but I really can't. It would have been so much easier without them" - Bill Oddie.

It's 1975, and the Goodies are at the height of their career. On the eve of their next series, Bill Oddie, frustrated rocker, has ditched Graeme Garden and Tim Brooke-Taylor to seek the rock stardom of which he's always dreamed, leaving them as two-thirds of a comedy triple act. Can they go on without him? Do they even want to? The stage is set for a break-up and break-down like no other...

A Record or an OBE is a darkly comic half-hour play exploring the nature of artistic and comedic collaboration, and the emotional fallout when a group of friends comes apart. It was highly commended in the comedy category at the 2007 Melbourne Fringe Festival.

Scott Gooding (Director) is a distinguished actor and director and is currently Youth Coordinator with the National Theatre Drama School. Gooding directed McKenzie's 2007 MICF show *Science-ology*, and Sergei Belbel's *Caresses* and *After The Rain* for his own theatre company, Vicious Fish Theatre.

Rob Lloyd (Tim Brooke-Taylor) is an actor, comedian and improviser, well-known from musical trio The Dodge, impro group The Crew, and most recently comedy troupe Hound of the Baskervilles, whose latest production is *Every Film Ever Made* ("one hell of a ride: non-stop, exhaustive, exhausting, energetic and hilarious" - The Age). He has also featured on *Thank God You're Here* for Channel 10.

Ben McKenzie (writer/producer/Graeme Garden) is an actor, comedian and improviser, and founder of Shaolin Punk theatre. Recently described as "one of the kings of Melbourne geek comedy", Ben is best known for his series of comedy lectures as "The Man in the Lab Coat", including last year's *Science-ology* ("smart, funny and educational" - The Age), and as one of the writers and presenters on variety show *Planet Nerd* for Melbourne's Channel 31.

"smart, funny ... a very confident and polished comic play" - Lisa Clark, The Groggy Squirrel

"plenty of Goodies-inspired humour and silliness had the audience thoroughly engrossed" - The Official Goodies Rule - OK! Fan Club Clarion & Globe

This show is part of Comedy @ Trades www.comedyatrades.com.au

LISTING INFORMATION

Venue: Comedy @ Trades, Trades Hall, Cnr Lygon and Victoria Streets, Carlton
Room: The Evatt Room
Dates: 19th -22nd March & 8th - 12th April (no Sundays or Mondays)
Tickets: \$14.00 Full, \$12.00 Concession/Group (6 or more)/Early Bird/Daily Treble, \$10.00
Tightarse Tuesdays/Tight Five
Times: 6:30 PM
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