

**The Let's Get 'Em ensemble presents**

**THE ROMEO AND JULIET SYNDROME**

**"Here is talent indeed, in a neatly served soufflé" (Sunday Times)**

This award-winning show is certainly not one not to be missed this summer - a touching and refreshing tale about the power of love. We watch through the eyes of Meredith and Gladys employees of the Heartbreak Clinic. Their success rate is impeccable. Well nearly. One rare case still stumps them and in 59 hours time happy endings collide with reality in an explosive burst of play, hilarity and evitable heartbreak. With live music from The Official Secrets Act, this is a Fringe delight absolutely not too be missed.

The show, supported by Sir Alan Ayckbourn and Sir Cameron McIntosh, plays at mid-day for one hour, with a four-week run from August 5th - 27th at the Underbelly. It is presented by the Let's Get ' Em Ensemble, an exciting new theatre company founded by two recent Leeds graduates, which is committed to making theatre playful, original and accessible.

As a result of her award and "lightness of touch as writer and director" (Sunday Times) Emily Westwood has been invited to assistant direct in Turin with RSC director, Bruce Myers. They will be working with a youth production of Romeo and Juliet immediately before the Edinburgh Fringe run. Emily, a Drama/English graduate of Leeds, has already directed several successful plays. "Encounter with Africa" played at the West Yorkshire Playhouse in 2004 and last summer she took Ben Ockrent's "Minibreak" to the Edinburgh Fringe and won critical acclaim from the press. "Emily Westwood's superbly original and stylish direction makes this a fast and satisfying hour's entertainment" (Edinburgh Evening News).

The Romeo and Juliet Syndrome will be touring West Yorkshire in a joint pre-Edinburgh run with the Silver Tongue's production of "Shiver" on July 25,26, 27th at Leeds Carriageworks, Bradford Theatre in the Mill and in Halifax.

**PREVIEWS: August 3rd, 4th 2006 at 12 pm**  
**At the Ironbelly, Underbelly, Cowgate George IV Bridge, Old Town**

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**Venue:** Underbelly ([www.underbelly.co.uk/tickets](http://www.underbelly.co.uk/tickets))

**Box office:** 0845 745 3083

### Cast

**Letty Butler** (Meredith) Philippa Howell (PHPM) 0114. Trained at Leeds. As actress Maid IN BBC adaptation of Jane Eyre, Nursel Leyland in Emmerdale, Alice in Alice Revealed (short film)

**Annie Crawford** (Gladys) Bernarda in House of Bernardo Alba (Edinburgh Fringe 2004)

**Gina Bramhill** (Juliet/Librarian) Agent: Spotlight. Amy in Minibreak (Edinburgh Fringe 2005) Estelle in No Way Out (Wimbledon Theatre Festival 2005) and a number of short films.

**Tom Charge** (Romeo/David) Agent: Philippa Howell. Guest star in Silent Witness (June 2006) Wella Hair commercial (2006) Nokia Commercial (2005)

**Issie Soden** (Tabby Gray)

**Matt Blake** (James Carter)

**Alex MacKenzie and Lawrence Diamond** - The Love Bugs, members of the Official Secrets Act [www.myspace/theofficialsecretsact](http://www.myspace/theofficialsecretsact))