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**Sax to the MAX!** pushes the energy and imagination of **thirty feisty saxophonists** to extremes and draws on all the resources of their **splendid eight-sax family** to deliver an appealing but uncompromising programme of genre-busting versatility, targeted at both musically adventurous and family audiences.

Dance and travel themes weave through the show, with an antipodean waltz featuring the world's tiniest sax, the soprillo, Argentinian tango, rag, and a capering, underworld dance, while a mellow township number provides pause for breath. At the heart of the programme is the winner of the choir's 2006 Composition Competition, **Roger May's** funk-fugal **Introduction & Riffs**, which will receive its **UK premiere** at the Fringe.

This will be the National Saxophone Choir's second visit to the Fringe and to the Reid Hall, where last year the final night of its Sax in the City show reached **number one** in the daily **audience text vote system** published in the **Scotsman**. Since then it has been busy pursuing its goals of creating new audiences with popular concerts, establishing the sax choir and its repertoire as a genre to be respected (prestigious gigs with the Birmingham Contemporary Music Group and at the World Sax Congress in Ljubljana, Slovenia) and promoting new music, with six premieres to date. So, come along and experience Sax to the Max! – and witness the flowering of the sax choir phenomenon.

**Show details:**

- Sax to the MAX! National Saxophone Choir of Great Britain at the Cow Barn (Reid Hall), Bristo Square.
- Shows daily 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> August, 15.20 – 16.20, £11.50 (£9.00)
- Preview 5<sup>th</sup> August, 15.20 – 16.20, £5.00
- Venue Box Office: 0845 745 3083 / [www.underbelly.co.uk](http://www.underbelly.co.uk)
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