

HUNT & DARTON PRESENT BOREDOM

Colchester Arts Centre, 22nd April 2015

- Charlie *We've just come out- what did you think?*
- Audience Member female 1. *I thought it was great, actually. It took a while to get used to it, I felt a bit apprehensive at first. There was nothing much going on - a sort of fantasy row.. but it's about boring - about being bored.. so ..*
- Audience Member female 2 *Suddenly I just did a great big yawn!(Laughs)*
- Audience Member Female 1. *I certainly felt very bored!(Laughs) but then it got more interactive as time went on, you know, People stood up, and there were things happening that we couldn't see.. and so we used our imagination a bit. And - yeah! I was hooked!*
- Charlie *And - what's it left you feeling like?*
- Audience Member female 2 *Umm ... less bored!!! (laughs) Umm , how has it made me feel? Yeah.. I feel OK, I feel OK ... neither here nor there, really.*
- Charlie (to male 1 who has been listening) *.. and what about you... what's your instant reactions to the show - we've only just come out?*
- Audience Member Male 1. *I like coming here, I like seeing different things. Sometimes it's good sometimes it's not so good, but I'll try anything.*
- Charlie *And..., what about tonight's show in particular - is there anything you're going to take away from it.. or .. what d'you think?*

Audience Member Male 1. *(pause). Ahhh.. well, I think they're trying something new... uhhh... and, err, great credit to them for that.. and I'll always support that.*

Charlie (to Female 3 who has been listening) *Now.. you were in it! I couldn't help noticing! (general laughter)...*

Audience Member Female 3 *(laughs) I was in it... (laughs) err... trying hard!!*

Charlie *But.. in general, do you quite like a show where they kind of wade into the audience and get people involved? Or does it kind of make you nervous?*

Audience Member Female 3 *I do! ... no no... I felt OK about it.. I mean I'm not.. I wouldn't say I'm that comfortable about being up in front of.. I think it's the lights more than anything else..but I quite like the idea of the interaction...*

Charlie *(in lah-di-dah luvvy voice) Well I thought you were marvellous, darling!*

Audience Member Female 3. *(in lah-di-dah luvvy voice)Well thank you darling!...(laughter). ... yes I .. I must get into this drama business! (laughter) (then more serious) ..Yeah.. I liked the comment at the end .. that unless you're bored you don't really know .. you know... you don't feel excited about things. That's right. Life is like that.. up and down...*

Charlie *We've just come out- what did you think?*

Audience Member Female 4. *I really enjoyed it. I thought it was very funny - very original. Very different. I found it a bit boring in places. And that's what it was meant to do... I'm still giggling now (laughs)*

Charlie (to female 5 who has been listening).

Now... you were in it!!

Audience Member Female 5.

(laughs) I know!! (laughs) I got to pull off the last cloth! (laughs)

Charlie

And do you quite like a show where you get involved? Where, like, that happens? Or does it make you feel nervous?

Audience Member Female 5.

These days, no. In the olden days I would have hated it, but err. yeah, no.. we like coming to the Arts Centre to all the different things and..and some of 'em , you don't know what to expect so you've just gotta come and take what's on offer! So it's a good experience.

Charlie

Have you been to many of these Wednesdays before?

Audience Member Female 5.

This is the second Wednesday we've been to. And we'll come back for more - that's for sure.

Charlie

And this show that they've put on tonight. Was it meant to make us feel anything? Was it? I'm not sure - I dunno... but what do you feel like now that we've just come out?

Audience Member Female 5.

I just really enjoyed it. I feel... I felt comfortable. It felt like a really interactive show with the audience.. but in a comfortable way... so.. yeah! I think they're really good girls.

Charlie

Did you go to their cafe - when they were running a cafe?

Audience Member Female 5.

No. I missed that. I heard it from Anthony tonight. But no, I missed that.

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Charlie

We've just come out.. how's it left you feeling.. thinking?

Audience Member
male 2.

It's an unusual hour spent! The Wednesdays are always (pause) eye-opening. You never know what you're going to let yourself in for - that's why we like 'em. Umm we've been to only a couple recently - but when they used to be on before we came. And sometimes we left thinking - "what the hell was that we watched??!" But actually you get home and you think - "it was bonkers - but good fun!" And tonight's not much different to that really (laughter).. I think that the girls sitting there with stony wall faces at the start - for ages! And the intro with the microphone banging was quite unusual... and unique. And err... it's good the way that the audience didn't quite know when to laugh and when not to - and then of course you realise that the sort of idea was to enjoy being bored! And that's a good - umm - and unusual way of looking at things!

Charlie

With me - what I realised was that.. umm - I'm not sure.. I'm not sure if I'm often bored... I began to think.. well.. maybe there's something wrong with me - I'm not bored enough! Did you recognise what they were talking about all of the time - do you get bored alot?

Audience Member
Male 2.

Well I think we are all try and find things to alleviate boredom - and hate the idea of being bored. Whereas they were trying to show that boredom is actually good fun - which is no real way we ever think really. We always try and counteract boredom by finding something that's not boring. Even though other people might think that it is boring- like the pig collection! It's boring as hell to most people - but she actually loved the idea of it and tried to make people appreciate that collecting pigs is a great idea!

Charlie

To begin with I thought "I'm never bored - the way that they're talking about" and then after the pig collection, I realised "Bugger - I'm bored all the time!" (laughter)

Audience Member
Male 2.

(laughs) We've all got something that's boring to everyone else! Everyone's got quirky things about them - and you just think : "Really?? Do you really do that? - Get a life!!" (laughs) But.. it's boring to a lot of people, but not to you! (laughs) So it's quite funny really - but what the girl's have done very well... improvising, I like. Improvisation is always something that's a great fear - 'cos a lot of people do have to follow a script religiously and can't deviate from it. But I think people who are gonna be successful have gotta ad lib. And when a phone went off in the crowd, they didn't batt an eyelash. It actually helped their performance. It gave 'em something else to still be bored about - didn't once exchange a smile between them, but added to their performance. Very professional!

Charlie

And even though they almost pretend to do it so awkwardly, they actually deal with the audience really well, don't you think?

Audience Member
Male 2.

Yeah! And they got good feedback from the crowd when they asked questions and things... I got dragged up quite early, as you know, for a little bit. And, umm, I was very nervous about it all. They made me feel quite comfortable but didn't really make it obvious to the crowd what was going on - so that was good! They're a nice pair of girls. I really enjoyed them!!
