

It Goes Beyond Theatre, as part of the FRINGE WORLD 2015 Festival presents

# corps(e)

*Written and Performed by Simon Morrison-Baldwin*

2<sup>nd</sup> ~ 14<sup>th</sup> February

The Court Hotel

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*“For the apparel oft proclaims the man” (Hamlet I iii)*

Returning to the Melbourne stage for a strictly limited season, *Lady Diamond* is back! Simon Morrison-Baldwin's 7-foot chanteuse graces **The Court Hotel** with her latest tale, *corps(e)*; melding drag, spoken word & song in an exploration of gender, diplomacy and plots.

*“They nail their roles, every one of the, not so much to the wall as to yer bleedin’ face ...  
Simon Morrison-Baldwin as the downtrodden Mum is hilariously phlegmatic and jaded”* The Age

Considered one of the most important transvestites in history, the mystery of *d'Eon de Beaumont's* sex began when, as a royal spy for *King Louis XV*, he successfully passed as a woman in order to infiltrate the court of *Czarina Elizabeth* of Russia.

Was she a man, or he a woman? That was the question that sparked a betting frenzy on the London Stock Exchange. Indeed, the amounts became so large plots were conceived in order to capture *Le Chevalier d'Eon* bodily and determine the matter once and for all...



*“Dressed as a Man, He was nonetheless a Woman; Dressed as a  
Woman He was nonetheless a Man”  
(Edna Nixon, Royal Spy)*

**Simon Morrison-Baldwin** is a VCA graduate most recently seen during the Melbourne Fringe Festival as *Maria* in a drag retelling of *West Side Story*. He continues to carve out a niche as a drag performer, from an impressively bustled *Lady Bracknell* (*Rough & Tumble*; Adelaide Fringe), to a 7” Mother of three fighting the H factor (*The Joy Before Thinking*; Theatreworks). Particularly unforgettable was his portrayal of the sadistic lesbian prison *Matron* of *Cellblock Booty* (*Sixsters Grimm*).

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Mon ~ Wed @ 7, Fri/Sat @ 8

Tickets: \$20, Groups (6+) \$15, Preview (Mon 2<sup>nd</sup>) \$10

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