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## America's Premiere Bouffon invades Ireland

The Dublin Fringe Festival & Paul Lucas Productions present

# RED BASTARD

**"Very, very funny" *New York Times***

[Dublin, 3 September, 2008] – The **Dublin Fringe Festival** and **Paul Lucas Productions** today announced the Irish debut of New York's *bad boy* of clown, **Red Bastard**. Performances begin **September 15<sup>th</sup> and run through September 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:30 PM as part of the Dublin Fringe Festival at the Bosco Theater in Iveagh Gardens in Dublin.**

In this critically-acclaimed Bouffon show, what begins as a pompous theatrical master class in "the theatre of life" soon devolves into a hilarious and disturbing dissection of pop culture, politics and the audience itself. An incredible mover, master of improvisation, and self proclaimed "provocateur", **Red Bastard** treads every inch of the stage, searching for victims while maneuvering his enormous red belly and even larger red ass with the grace of a nymph. Audiences should be prepared for anything in this interactive show, in which the Bastard converses with them, uncovering ridiculous and disturbing truths.

**Eric Davis** (aka Red Bastard) is one of America's most prominent clowns and the King of Bouffon. He has starred as the lead clown in Cirque du Soleil's *Quidam*, and is a founder and co-director of the NY Clown Theatre Festival, as well as being an award-winning director. His critically acclaimed *Red Bastard*, was featured in *La Clique* at the Montreal *Just for Laughs Festival* as well as being a finalist for the NY Comedy Festival's Andy Kauffman Awards and being nominated for NY's Clown of the Year. He is also the director of the Award winning **Bouffon Glass Menajoree**, playing at this year's Dublin Fringe Festival. This show was nominated for Outstanding production, Director, Ensemble and Original Short Script by the NY Innovative Theater Awards. Mr. Davis will also be leading workshops in Bouffon for the theatre professionals and the public as part of the Dublin Fringe Festival.

The critics have called Red Bastard **"Bizarrely Hilarious... We love him...has to be seen to be believed"** *Time Out NY*, **"One of the premiere clowns of our times. Red Bastard has killed 'em all over town."** *Gothamist*, **"One of the hottest, funniest performers on the scene today."** *Back Stage*, and **"One of the strangest, sweetest experiences to be had."** *NY Press*

**Performances run Monday- Sunday (15 - 21 of September), @ 20:30 at Bosco Theatre in Iveagh Gardens in Dublin. For tickets (€14.00/12.00 conc.), visit [www.fringefest.com](http://www.fringefest.com). For more info and downloadable photos, visit [www.redbastard.com](http://www.redbastard.com)**

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