BARBU Electro Trad Cabaret: Awesome and Electrifying Blend Of Music and Aerial Contortionism – Adelaide Fringe Review

Royal Croquet Club – The Panama Club, Fri 12 Feb

BARBU is going to be a massive hit this Fringe. Do not miss out on the awesome electrifying mix that is BARBU Electro Trad Cabaret!

It is a considerable achievement for an overseas company that has never come to Adelaide to sell out on opening night. The full audience made for a brilliant atmosphere as they lapped up everything the performers thrusted towards them.

When you think of circus acrobats often images of young flexible performers with six packs bulging out of their skinny bodies come to mind, but this isn't really the case for *BARBU*. What these burly men lack in 6-packs, they make up for in beards. *BARBU Electro Trad Cabaret* is the hipster circus we never knew we needed, but now we never want these strong, but playful masculine hairy men to return to their home in Montreal, Canada.

Joining the four bearded hipsters onstage tonight to complete the winning mix was two aerial and contortionist females and one scary looking odd magician/comedian. They are all backed up by an incredible band with awesome arrangements and exceptionally odd projections on the massive screens on each side of the stage with everything from painful hair removal to the men dancing naked through fields being projected.

The show touches on the 19th Century origins of circus and is made up of tricks in roller skates, juggling, balancing, flips off see-saws, pole dancing, hula-hoops and magic tricks. Each trick flowed seamlessly into each other and each performer moved with an intense, purposeful direction, which was prepared perfectly to match the intense live music blasting.

The Royal Croquet Club continues to soar in popularity, so buy your tickets in advance to avoid the line-ups and you can let all your being be absorbed by the beautiful power of *BARBU*.

Bobby Goudie

BARBU Electro Trad Cabaret continues at Royal Croquet Club – The Panama Club, at various times, until Mon 14 Mar.

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