

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL FRINGE 2004  
James Seabright for Festival Highlights presents

POPULATION: 3 in the return of the comedy hit  
**THE WICKER WOMAN**

*Live human sacrifice and folk songs guaranteed*

Thirty years after the release of cult masterpiece *The Wicker Man*, Population: 3's ingenious update makes a triumphant return to Edinburgh after a sell-out national tour and London season. The critically acclaimed show returns for just ten performances, to play alongside the premiere of the trio's newest show *The Elephant Woman*. Both shows are directed by David Sant, of comedy troupe Peepolykus.

*So funny that they could make you laugh at an auto-da-fé* Benedict Nightingale, The Times

A handsome couple's quiet weekend break to a remote Scottish island is cruelly cut short by locals bent on recreating the mayday rites and rituals of pagan times. All the ingredients for a right royal human barbecue...

*Utterly hilarious... you may be helpless to the point of crying with laughter* Mary Brennan, The Herald

**POPULATION: 3** are Barunka O'Shaughnessy, Lucy Montgomery and James Bachman.

- **Barunka** can be seen on TV in sketches for *Dom Joly – World Shut Your Mouth* (BBC1); *Stitch Up!* (BBC 1) and as Tracy in *Tracy & I* for Channel 4. She also co-wrote and co-starred in *Killing Time* (BBC3) as well as playing the doofus in the *Lotto Daily Play* TV & network radio advertising campaign.
- **Lucy** co-wrote and co-starred in the one-off prison comedy, *Killing Time* (BBC 3). Other television credits include *Bo>Selecta!* (Channel 4) and *Stitch Up!* (BBC 1). Lucy has performed in two Radio 4 series - *The Department* and *The Museum of Everything*. On stage she recently played the evil nurse in Cal McCrystal's sell out production of *Loot* at the Derby Playhouse. She can also be heard voicing Sky One's dirty comedy show *Badly Dubbed Porn* and the BBC 1 animation *Pop Skool*.
- **James** has performed in *15 Storeys High* on BBC2, *That Mitchell and Webb Sound* on Radio 4 and *Loot* on stage at the Derby Playhouse. He also writes extensively for TV and radio, including *Ant and Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway*, *Popetown*, *The Eleven O'Clock Show*, and the Sony Award-winning *Very World of Milton Jones*. At the Edinburgh Fringe he has written, performed and directed, including Stephen Fry's *The Liar*, *The Bachman and Evans Special Edition* and *The Mitchell and Webb Story*.

\*\*\*\*\* The Herald, ThreeWeeks, Fest, Comedy Lounge, SFX

\*\*\*\* The Scotsman, Metro, The List, The Times, What's On In London

For more information on the company see their Web site at [www.population3.co.uk](http://www.population3.co.uk)

**THE ELEPHANT WOMAN** – Population: 3's new show inspired by cult film *The Elephant Man* – can be seen in Pleasance Two (Venue 33) at 7.00pm, 4 – 30 August. See separate release for full details.

LISTINGS

THE WICKER WOMAN

Performed by Population:3 (James Bachman, Barunka O'Shaughnessy, Lucy Montgomery)

Written by the Company and the Director

Directed by David Sant

**At Pleasance Cavern (Venue 33) 20-29 August 2004 at 12.20pm (1h)**

Tickets £8 - £10.50

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