



Media Release

pluck present their new show **THE SPECIALISTS**

Pluck, the award-winning, classical music trio with a seriously silly side return to Australia in 2006 with a completely new show. Winners of *The Adelaide Advertiser Award for Excellence* and the *Sunday Mail Fringe Sensation* in 2004 they will perform **THE SPECIALISTS** at the **Big Laugh Comedy Festival**.

...a mad mixture of very competent playing and sheer brilliant clowning... they are natural musicians, natural comics, and indecently gifted on both counts. *****

The [Adelaide] Advertiser

Following their highly successful season at the 2004 Adelaide Fringe, Pluck has teamed up with renowned comedy director Cal McCrystal (Cirque du Soleil, Spymonkey, Peepolykus), to produce **THE SPECIALISTS**.

Imagine the classical concert where a trio of earnest musicians go about their serious business of music making. Now imagine those three musicians being replaced by three bumbling idiots. Idiots who can play but whose idea of a concert is unconventional to say the least. Pluck is that trio of idiots and in the last three years they have turned the classical concert on its head. They compete, argue, ridicule and seduce their way through the world's finest classics.

"Highly-strung violinist Yarlberg has designs on the perfect concert and the ever-enthusiastic Mr Abanathie aims to please with a variety of instruments. Meanwhile, budget celebrity Kadifachi's passionate relationship with her cello threatens to hijack the entire performance..."

"...a pleasing mix of passion and irreverence...this threesome refresh jaded palates with their menu of melodic buffoonery...." *[London] Evening Standard*

Pluck was formed in 2002 when violinist **Adrian Garratt** met violist **Jon Regan** and cellist **Sian Kadifachi**. After an inaugural performance at the world famous Ronnie Scott's Jazz Bar in London they ventured further north to the Edinburgh Fringe in 2003. They stormed the festival, selling out two weeks of shows, and winning the prestigious **Tap Water Award**. 2004 and Pluck's show *Musical Arson* garnered rave reviews in Italy, and at the Adelaide and Sydney festivals and was awarded a **Spirit of the Fringe** award in Edinburgh. In Edinburgh 2005, Pluck performed their new show **THE SPECIALISTS**, again to sold-out houses, winning unanimous critical acclaim.

"Gloriously Funny" *The Scotsman*

For more information about PLUCK visit www.pluck.me.uk

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BIG LAUGH COMEDY FESTIVAL

Venue: Rafferty's Theatre, Riverside Theatres

Address: Corner Church and Market Streets, Parramatta

Date: Thursday 30 March, Friday 31 March, Saturday 1 April & Sunday 2 April

Time: 7.30pm except Sunday 5.00pm

Bookings: Bookings 8839 3399 or www.biglaughcomedyfestival.com.au

Ticket Prices: \$27.90 concession \$22.90

