

Mary Tobin Presents

Maeve Higgins (Ireland) & Nick Coyle (Australia) In 'A Rare Sight'

Have you ever wondered what to do if you find a baby by the side of the road? How to apply makeup to suit 'your' face? How to approach a crying girl at a party? Or how to enjoy life?

This March, Ireland's darling **Maeve Higgins** (Kitten Brides) and Australia's **Nick Coyle** (Pig Island) will tell you what to do. In **A Rare Sight** they play a married couple with all the answers to help you live your best life! Using skits, monologues, demonstrations, recipes, song and most importantly dance, the pair solve the many problems that plague humanity.

Nick and Maeve first met at the 2007 Melbourne Comedy Festival and after seeing each other's shows were both secretly jealous. In 2008, Nick stood in one night to play Maeve's ex-boyfriend in the deleted scenes of her DVD life. Their onstage chemistry was overwhelming. Maeve put aside her jealousy and asked Nick to write a show with her, thinking the old adage 'keep your friends close and your enemies closer' sort of applied. Only problem was the 15,696 kilometres separating them. Nick finally agreed and recently flew to Dublin. Now they are ready to present **A Rare Sight** at the 2010 Melbourne International Comedy Festival.

Maeve Higgins lives in Ireland with her cat Edie and makes a TV show with her sister called "Fancy Vittles" http://www.rte.ie/tv/programmes/maeve_higgins_fancy_vittles.html She has performed at festivals in lots of places that were happy to have her including Edinburgh, Kilkenny, Brooklyn and Geneva. According to the Irish Times Maeve's comedy is "original and relatively calm, her observations are pithy, her wit delicate, her persona deftly honest" although this didn't help her in Bundaberg.

"I'm completely and irretrievably in love with Maeve Higgins. Not only is she smart, sexy, sassy and funny as all get out, she made me laugh, made me think and – as if this wasn't enough already for one night's entertainment – she also made me a cake!" Inpress Magazine, Melbourne 2009

Nick Coyle lives in Sydney without a pet and writes and performs with Pig Island who became big news in 2007 when their show *The Glass Boat* won the Golden Gibbo Award at the Melbourne Comedy Festival; and again in 2008 with the Edinburgh Fringe hit *Simply Fancy*. Nick's solo work has featured at Wharf2Loud (Sydney Theatre Company), Griffin Theatre and the New York Fringe Festival.

'Sublimely realised comedy' (*Time Out Sydney*),

'Heading towards a higher plane of comedy' **** (*The Guardian*)

www.maevehiggins.com

Times & Dates

Thurs 11 & Fri 12 Mar (Previews) Sat 13 Mar – Sun 21 Mar (no shows Monday)

7pm (60 Min Duration)

Previews \$20, Tues 16 Mar \$20, all other tickets \$25/\$22

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