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NOONTIME THEATRE PRODUCTIONS presents

i want to be

MUSASHI

a clown samurai fantasv



At **The Manhattan Children's Theatre**, 52 White St. (Btwn. Broadway and Church) Aug 15 @ 7:00, **Aug 16** @ **3:00**, Aug 20 @ 5:00, **Aug 23** @ **5:15**, Aug 26 @ 7:00

July 15, 2006- Noontime Theatre Productions is proud to present the New York premier of *i want to be MUSASHI: a clown samurai fantasy* – A solo clown show inspired by the legend of Japan's greatest samurai warrior, Miyamoto Musashi and one clown's fantasy to be him.

Not a children's show.

The story follows a clown who is frustrated and angry with his banal life. Then he discovers sword fighting and Musashi, a samurai warrior. Will he grow through his samurai dreams or fall deeper into his own imagination?

The stories of Musashi, and study of Japanese sword fighting, inspire the show. Elements from samurai novels, movies, video games, and historical documents are combined with traditional sword practice and clowning to tell the story. It's the only show that invites select audience members on stage to literally beat them over the head with its positive message.

For more information and pictures visit www.ChristopherLueck.com.

BIO

Written and performed by Brooklyn based clown, Christopher Lueck, this show combines his antics with *chanbara* Japanese sword fighting. As a clown, Christopher has studied at the Dell'Arte school of physical Theatre in CA and with the New York Goofs. He has worked as a clown and actor in New York for the past seven years in venues including the Brooklyn Public Library, downtown theaters, and The Grand Ole Opry. Christopher is the producer of The New York Downtown Clown Monthly Revue, an evening of clown theatre consisting of several different clown acts each month (www.NewYorkDowntownClown.com). As a samurai Christopher studies at New York Budokan in Brooklyn and is a certified *chanbara* instructor. Christopher also competes in *chanbara*. Last February at Battle on the Boardwalk in Atlantic City, Christopher took home one gold and three silver medals.

i want to be MUSASHI: a clown samurai fantasy is an absurd, cutting edge, and passionate invitation to experience the thrill of sword fighting and clowning.

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