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## REVIEW

### Shush — it's brilliant

**Habbe and Miek**  
Drum Theatre, Plymouth

SHUSH! Here's something to shout about — the South West Festival of Mime and Clowns. Last night saw the first of three productions straight from the prestigious London Mime Festival.

German duo, Habbe and Miek, are the long and the short of an agile and inventive act that expertly orchestrates the absurd in true Commedia dell'Arte tradition.

In a show of high energy sketches, they use masks to suggest characters and movement to bring them miraculously to life.

Be it the living duvet and the bewildered sleeper, the medical examiner and the unresponsive patient or the outrageous couple of artisans tumbling about a ladder and plank, these boys convey their own brand of comedy with consummate ease.

Their arrival was as unorthodox as their act — dropping into the audience by rope from the roof, laden with a map and suitcases.

— Roger Malone