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## LOCAL PERFORMERS TAKE SCANDANAVIA BY STORM!

**Stockholm, Sweden.** Two Hampshire born performers have taken shows to **STOFF - Stockholm Fringe Festival** and returned with rave reviews and even an award between them.

**Nick Field**, originally from Winchester, performed **Adventure/Misadventure**, a heartbreakingly funny tale of crap jobs, intrepid world travel and relationship fails, with roller-skating dance breakouts, evocative soundscapes and unexpected live versions of pop classics. His one-man show received great praise from both local and visiting people.

**Andrew Silverwood**, raised in Fareham, along with his production partnership, **Fragility**, produced **GameShow**, a partially improvised performance that changes every night. The Swedish shows involved mousetraps, paintball guns, a 20 man custard pie fight, a cake eating contest and necking bottles of cider on stage.

Silverwood was surprised on the final night of the festival to be awarded the "Expect The Unexpected" Award for daring and risk taking performances.

Of the festival, Field said;

*"STOFF was such a great opportunity to present my work in an international context, and get to meet artists from all over the world. I loved the experience of being a part of something so global, but with the sense of a community of artists coming together, it was very supportive. Stockholm is a brilliant place to take work as a British theatre maker, because everyone understands the language and the cultural references. There's also a lot to be said for showing work in what is essentially the National Theatre of Sweden, having such a wonderful space and amazing tech to work with was a real delight. "*

Silverwood said;

*"STOFF for us was an incredible opportunity to showcase what we were made of. We were so happy to win our award. It was nice to be recognised as forerunners in our field. I am incredibly proud, not just of myself, but of my creative team and the evident hard work that they put in to every single one of our performances. Off stage we made friends and connections for life and onstage we made a mess, for us, that's the perfect balance.*





**Adam Potrykus**, Co founder of the festival said of the southern UK talents;

*"We are not at all surprised that Hampshire has produced a Stoff 2014 Fringe Award winner.*

*Nearly every Stoff edition since the 2010 launch has featured at least one Hampshire native. This is pretty extraordinary considering the following:*

*Annually nearly 1500 artists from over 50 countries respond to our global artist call. The final Stoff 2014 programme featured only 50 acts, Andy Silverwood and Nick Field being two of them. Both artist have visited us before with sell out success shows and never fail to deliver a quality showcase of British performance art.*

*Although Nick and Andy present vastly different work that caters to different audiences, they are equally ambitious, brave and innovative with their stage shows, not to mention their off stage antics. Any future Hampshire performers will have to work in overdrive to match these fine gentlemen."*

#### **ABOUT NICK FIELD**

**Nick Field** is a performer, writer and musician. He has had plays produced by the Royal Court (*Knives, Needles and Saturday Nights* and *Shelflife*), Paines Plough (*Liquid*) and Theatre Royal, Plymouth (*Blown*) and has been a Young Writer in Residence at the Royal Court.

As a performer, Nick has featured at leading events, and festivals internationally. In 2010 he was Artist in Residence at Keats House in London where he produced new work for an anthology, gave performances for visitors and lead practical writing workshops. In 2011 he obtained an Arts Council grant to write and perform *The Cosmos, The Cosmetics*, his first full length solo show. The show debuted at the Brighton Fringe Festival and went on to tour internationally. His second ACE funded solo show *Adventure/Misadventure* played a full run at Ovalhouse in 2013, where he was also Artistic Associate. His commissions include writing and performance for Apples and Snakes and Latitude Festival.

#### **ABOUT ANDREW SILVERWOOD & FRAGILITY**

Formed in 2012, Fragility is the creative partnership between Andrew Silverwood and James Grice. In two and a half years they have produced six bodies of work in arts centres, theatres, libraries, music festivals and other spaces around the UK and Europe.

They have twice sold out runs in the Czech Republic with their unique style of physical and biographical storytelling theatre.

Asides from Fragility, Andrew Silverwood has trained at Rose Bruford College of Theatre and Performance and DAMU school of theatre (Prague), he has twice worked for site specific theatre company *Future Cinema*, is the lead

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actor in the new ENV music video "Your Love" and appears in the Nu Wave / BFI short film "Love Life." For the first seven months of 2014, he played "The Doctor" for children's theatre company *Quantum Theatre*.

## ABOUT STOFF

Stockholm Fringe Festival is one of nearly 200 fringe festivals across the globe.

The festival was founded by 3 performance arts students who after graduation spent a great deal in Australia & the UK.

Stoff is an international / multidisciplinary festival that welcomes theatre / photo / dance / mime / video / music / spoken word / performance art and cross over projects. Most shows are presented in English.

Stoff has a youth branch called Young Stoff for artists 15-25.

The 2015 dates will be released in late this fall via [www.stockholmfringe.com](http://www.stockholmfringe.com)

**Both Fragility and Nick Field are keen to talk to arts centres around Hampshire about the possibility of touring their works to their home county.**

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## IMAGES:

Andrew Silverwood in GameShow (credit: Max Hurn)

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/6cqm3ekplcw4x2n/GameShow.jpg?dl=0>

Fringe Award logo (credit: Stockholm Fringe Festival)

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/prc7dsj059rs8jk/STOFF%202014%20FRINGE%20AWARDS%20LOGO.jpg?dl=0>

Nick Field in Adventure/Misadventure

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