

Black Comedy kicks off season

MATT KIELTYKA - Theatre season is back in full force tomorrow with the opening of *Black Comedy*.

The Arts Club Theatre's first production of the season features one of its most exciting casts yet in the form of Simon Bradbury, Sasa Brown, Charlie Gallant and more.

The play comes from the mind of Amadeus playwright Peter Shaffer and revolved around a struggling artist breaking into his neighbour's home to "borrow" antiques.

When the fuse blows and the lights go out, hilarity ensues with the arrival of unexpected guests and mistaken identities.

The show kicks off Sept. 10 at the Stanley Theatre, 2750 Granville Street, and runs to Oct. 11. For tickets and information, visit www.artsclub.com.

24 hours caught up with *Black Comedy* lead Charlie Gallant for a chat. Here is what he had to say:

Q Tell us something no one else knows about you.

A I wore leg braces like Forrest Gump as a child.

Q What is your biggest pet peeve about Vancouverites?

A The ones who think they're in L.A. or Miami.

Q What is your quintessential Vancouver moment? Summer's spent at Bard on The Beach.

Q Who would you like to punch in the nose?

A Those responsible for the outrageous Arts Funds cuts.

Q The _____ shall inherit the earth.

A Skids.

Q What would your final words be?

A Even if you're with me you're against me.

Q Who would you rather be stranded on a deserted island with: Bryan Adams or Celine Dion?

A Celine who?

Q What do people not know about you?

A I rearrange my apartment every month

Q Have you been arrested? Details.

A Got driven home in a paddy wagon at Christmas when I was 13 for stealing lightbulbs off trees at a retirement home and throwing them at passing cars. Not my brightest idea. Pun intended.

Q Your greatest sin against humanity?

A Refusing to model in the nude.

Q What is your greatest regret?

A Being so hard on Mom. I

fear?

A Slipping into insanity without knowing it.

Q One thing you must do before they cover you with dirt?

Public nudity?

Heck yeah, but then heck naaayyy

A Build a cabin with my bare hands and have my kids burn it down at a raging party in their rambunctious youth. Then build it again with me.

Q Last time you lied?

A Seconds ago.. I know who Celine Dion is, I just think the question's unfair.

Q Favourite movie character, why?

A Jar Jar Binks. Obviously. most well-thought out character - ever.

Q Public nudity yeah or nay?

A Heck yeah, but then heck naaayyy.



Charlie Gallant plays Brindsley in *Black Comedy*.

love you, Mom.

Q If you were to die and come back, what animal

would you be?

A Tyrannosaurus Rex

Q What is your greatest



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