



30Bird Productions present:
A collaboration between Seyf & Dobrowolski

Poland 3 Iran 2

The perfect pub conversation about football, fathers, revolution, swimming and Subbuteo

Selected as Best of Brighton Fringe to perform at 2012 Amsterdam Fringe Festival

At the 1976 Montreal Olympics the best-ever Polish football team played against the best-ever Iranian football team. This match featured the pivotal Polish players Tomaszewski, Lato and Deyna and for Iran the magnificent Ali Parvin, aka 'The Sultan'. This clash of talent led to a memorable game with Poland clinching a 3-2 win and going on to win the Silver medal.

'The setting is perfect...a thought provoking production that goes much deeper than first appears' **The Stage**

A continent apart and supporting different teams the game fascinated both Mehrdad Seyf and Chris Dobrowolski. Thirty-five years on, using the match as a backdrop and as a catalyst, the two friends discuss football, revolution, swimming, chess, love and Subbuteo. **Poland 3 Iran 2** by UK based 30 Bird Productions was a hit at the 2010 Edinburgh Fringe and 2011 National Tour where audiences warmed to this universal tale told with the aid of footage from the match, specially created slides, sticker albums and images of their family histories from WWII to the present day.

A beautiful exploration of boyhood, of family eccentricities, of political resistance and of father-son relationships' **Total Theatre**

Generously sprinkled with gentle humour, poignant family tales and frank historical truths, **Poland 3 Iran 2** truly captures how much two people from drastically different backgrounds have in common both locally and internationally. **Poland 3 Iran 2** is presented in its natural setting - in pub or bar, rather than theatre space. So join Seyf and Dobrowolski in the bar, grab a drink and enjoy a whistle stop tour of monumental historic events sprinkled with banter and bizarre confessions.

'Pitch-perfect ...a tender cross between a performance lecture, football match, slideshow and art installation ... completely won over a packed pub of children and adults alike' **Whatsonstage**

Following his production of **Plastic** in 2008, the Iranian authorities told Mehrdad Seyf in no uncertain terms not to travel back to Iran. Chris Dobrowolski is an artist who specialises in creating remarkable mechanical sculpture. His installation *Siberia* is available for audience members to experience before performances of **Poland 3 Iran 2**.

'Poland 3 Iran 2 was one of the best things I've seen this year' **Andrew Haydon, Culture Wars**

Helen Lax, Regional Director, East, Arts Council England says: 'We are thrilled to see 30 Bird Production's Poland 3 Iran 2 going International, having been part of our talent development scheme Escalator East to Edinburgh and supported through Arts Council England's National Lottery-funded Grants for the arts scheme.'

The show is perfect for 2012, embodying the amazing spirit of London 2012 and reflecting how the Games can bring people together. We hope that audiences in Amsterdam enjoy this imaginative and quirky show as much as we have.'

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31 August – 3 September 2012 : Amsterdam Fringe Festival

VENUE: FRINGE TENT

Het Leidsebosje Stadhouderskade
tegenover NH hotel

Friday 31 August

Time: 17:00

Saturday 1 September

Time: 1500 & 20:00

Sunday 2 September

Time: 17:00

Monday 3 September

Time: 17:00

Poland 3 Iran 2 is supported by The British Council and Iran Heritage Foundation.

BOX OFFICE: www.amsterdamfringefestival.nl or at the Fringe box-office until 1.5 hours prior to curtain time.

The Fringe box-office is situated in the Heart of the Festival, Theatre Bellevue, Leidsekade 90.
Opening hours: August 30 to September 9, 12:00 to 22:00

If tickets aren't sold out they can be bought from a Fringer at the venue from 1 hour prior to curtain time.

**Further information/images/reviews/tickets : Bo van Bommel, Campagneleider,
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TICKETS ONLINE:

www.amsterdamfringefestival.nl

AT FRINGE BOX OFFICE:

Heart of the Festival, Theater Bellevue, Leidsekade 90.

ON THE DOOR:

From 1 hour before show starts

Notes to editors

30Bird are a performance and live arts Company focused on site specific, inter disciplinary work creating unique experiences for audiences. Previous shows include **The Persian Revolution, Majnoun and Plastic.**

<http://www.30birdproductions.org>