

## AUDIENCE COMMENTS FOR BIG DADDY VS. GIANT HAYSTACKS

### LANCASHIRE

**17th November** – Gregson Lane Community Centre, Gregson Lane, Hoghton

*Great show – more Lancashire venues please!!*

Paul and Mo

*Brilliant! Wanted more....*

Louise McFinn

*Easy! Brought back memories I didn't know I had!*

Lyndsey Wilson and Steve Mellows-Facer

**16th November** – Civic Arts Centre, Oswaldtwistle

*Brings back memories of my mum shouting at the TV when the wrestling was on. 4Pm Saturday lying in front of fire, eating crumpets and watching wrestling.*

Jenny Tillotson

*Very enjoyable*

M. Gillibrand

*Evoked so many memories of Saturday afternoon. Very entertaining and moving at times. Well done!*

Pauline Atkins

*A great show for new audiences. Keep touring the rural circuit.*

Sue Robinson – Spot On Rural Touring

*Excellent!!*

Peter Billington

*Ridiculous, informative and poignant, plus PROPER ACTING – I'm convinced, and properly confused!! My "disbelief" has been truly suspended. Brilliant to be lead by these performers – all 20 of them. Thanks.*

H. Ridayamani

**15th November** – Burscough Wharf Arts Centre

*Great show. Funny, sad and well performed. Loved it.*

Ray Eckersley – Burscough

*Excellent.*

Dave Evans – Burscough

*Excellent production full of fun and nostalgia. Brilliant contrasts of comedy and tragedy.*

John Davis – Burscough

*First show watched here at The Wharf and thought superb – only wish it had been given a content rating as would have been suitable for both my parents and teenage children. Well done.*

Anon. - Burscough

## **NORTHUMBERLAND**

**6th November** – Bamburgh Pavilion, Castle Green, Bamburgh

*Came with an open mind and thoroughly enjoyed it. Great.*

John and Joan Southern

*Great fun. Very clever dialogue.*

H. and M. Robinson

*Very entertaining and a bit of nostalgia. 2 actors filled the stage and brought us all in.*

Angela Darling

**4th November** – Rennington Village Hall, Rennington

*Great night – thoroughly enjoyed it!*

Christine Joyce

*Very entertaining and thoroughly enjoyable.*

Jack Kidd

**3rd November** – Pegswood Community Project, Longhurst Rd., Pegswood

*My son is 7 and he quite enjoyed it. We would definitely come to future events.*

Deborah Broady

*Well done!!*

E. Websell

*A very entertaining show. Enjoyed it from start to finish.*

E. Hope

*Really enjoyed this. I used to watch this wrestling when I lived with my mam and dad, my mam used to enjoy this when we watched telly.*

Elvita A. Graham

## **WEST MIDLANDS**

**2nd November** – Forest Arts Centre, Walsall

*Hilarious. Talented performers.*

Ann Lightwood

*They are remembered fondly by all (the original wrestlers) and they perform them well bringing back their memories, yet stating just how they started their careers. Probably something most of us never knew of how it progressed.*

Mrs. Lawrence

## **CUMBRIA**

**23rd October** – Appleby Public Hall, Boroughgate, Appleby

*Enjoyable evening – thanks for coming to Appleby!*

Charlotte Ratcliffe

*Really enjoyed the show. Brought back loads of memories. Enjoyed the music too.*

Judy Palmer and Dave Welch

*Excellent – well-performed, informative and fun.*

Jenny Rory

*Very good telling of the story. Very good writing.*

Trevor Taylor

*Enormously interesting and entertaining.*

Andy Connell

**22nd October** – Parish Hall, Drigg

*Very intriguing.*

Joanna (10)

*Very good show. Brought back a lot of memories of Saturday by the TV.*

Anon.

**21st October** – The Globe Hall, Ireby

*Very entertaining. Very talented performers – even in those costumes.*

Anon.

*Really enjoyed it – great fun!*

Kirtsy Cox

*Brilliant. Very funny.*

Ellie Grayson-Barnes

*Easy easy – great fun. Thank you.*

Mary McMahon

*Excellent – first class. I really enjoyed this show. This is what local entertainment is all about. Thanks a lot.*

Ian Cowan

**20th October** – Beggars Theatre, Millom

*Really entertaining. Good laugh. Brought back lots of memories. Thanks for a great night.*

Julie Dixon

*Great nostalgia for mam and dad and laughs for the kids, a family night out = laughs all round. Easy easy easy!*

Bob (40), Mandy (36), Ben (13) and Aimee (10)

*Absolute nostalgia. Some real belly laughs. Easy! Easy! Very enjoyable.*

Elaine Armstrong

*Enjoyed the play. Actors were really good and kept the show interesting throughout. Very well worth watching!*

Sheelagh Wilson

*Fabulous show. Relived a very fond memory of childhood and the whole family sitting down at 4pm to watch the wrestling. Well executed and totally engrossing from start to finish.*

Hazel Gilmore

*Excellent performance.*

David McNally

**19th October** – Alston Town Hall, Front Street, Alston

*Good show. True to life*

Anon.

*Not a great knowledge of wrestling but the warm up slowly built up to a brilliant bit of theatre.*

Ted Thompson

*Very good.*

Christine Sorrell

*It got better and better – didn't threaten the audience and barely took a breath. Nice ad-lib over the 'phone.*

Simon Danby

*Versatile actors, realistic action, with limited props. Very entertaining, brought back memories.*

Val, Dave and Phil

*Very well presented. Lively.*

A. Allen

*Champion! Enjoyed it very much.*

Waz

*Brought back loads of memories. Sitting with my dad watching the wrestling every Saturday. I always ate Almond Slices! My son really got into "WWF" when it came on TV but couldn't compare to the British wrestlers. The names really brought it back too. Big Daddy, Giant Haystacks, Jackie Pallo and all. Just great!*

J. Chambers

## **OXFORDSHIRE**

**14th October** – The Neighbour's Hall, Church Rd, Great Milton

*Tour de force. Great entertainment.*

Paul Wakefield

*Really enjoyed the show. Took me back! Fantastic.*

Miranda Cook

*Excellent – good writing and performances.*

Sheila Reeve

*Very funny show. Would recommend to anyone.*

Rebecca Gadney

Good Night Out Comments Card Summary for Big Daddy v Giant Haystacks  
@ Great Milton 14 October

Very funny show enjoyed it very much

Fab

First Class and very funny

Huge Fun. Good to see plays coming to the village

Easy Easy Easy

Excellent. Great Entertainment. Thoroughly enjoyable

Most enjoyable evening

Very enjoyable Thank you! We need to advertise these earlier in future. Great to have a show locally

Enjoyed it – more for kids please

Very Clever. Good diction and acting

I am deaf but could hear it all

Loved the show- took me back to those days in front of the TV on a sat afternoon. Great actors and played so many parts brilliantly.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS FROM BRIGHTON FESTIVAL FRINGE**

**Big Daddy Vs. Giant Haystacks** premiered in Brighton Festival Fringe from 26th-28th May 2011 at The Old Courtroom

Adam Beeson (Playwright - Winner of the Imison Award for Radio Drama 2008)

*Two large men with a hilarious script and a few quid's worth of props star as two large men with a hilarious script and a few quid's worth of props. Knocks the current spate of TV biopics celebrating our recent showbiz past over the ropes and into the back row. Funny and exciting — the audience bubbled with delight.*

Charlotte Glasson

*Really enjoyed the show!!!! Very funny. Well done hope the rest of the run goes well.*

Shihab Salim

*I can't give a better compliment than a 14-year-old with no interest in wrestling, any idea who big daddy and haystacks were and a million channels of entertainment on her TV, iphone and internet, sighing: 'I wish I grew up in the 80s. Saturdays sounded so much more fun...'*

*Loved the show absolutely*

Suzie Martiny

*A fab night! Laughed my socks off. Brilliant show but one complaint. I can't get 'Convoy' out of my head. It's been four days now...*

Samantha Helen Dixon

*Really enjoyed the show. Still laughing!*

Joanna Neary (Perrier Nominated Comedian)

*I loved the show so much. Highly recommended to anyone who is vaguely interested in wrestling history/loves laugh out loud properly written comedy performed with glee and delight. Well done all, including Brian P Mitchell and Joseph F Nixon. Five stars*

Peter Chrisp

*A triumph! Having seen the real Big Daddy and Giant Haystacks wrestling at the Dome, I reckon that Ross Gurney-Randall and David Mounfield are actually better grapplers. Great, touching performances.*

Alan Fred Pipes

*Easy! Easy! Excellent show....The Belly Splash was the highlight of a very enthralling 1 3/4 hours of top entertainment... a great double act...*

Sarah Chrisp

*Great performances and those platform boots were a brainwave!*

Seth Morgan

*ace - thoroughly enjoyable show. thanks for a top night out*

Ian Shaw

*A highly entertaining show; I laughed a lot, and when I wasn't laughing I was grinning. I think the wider public will respond to the show in much the same way they responded to Big Daddy himself - with enormous affection.*

Elaine Macaninch

*Easy easy easy ...still chuckling. 3 thumbs up from me. Congratulations on a splendid show*

David Bramwell (Winner of Sony Silver Award for "The Haunted Moustache", Radio 3)

*Intelligent, mischievous, superbly written and joyfully performed. Comic, playful and written with a genuine desire to entertain and inform.*

Joanne Howarth

*You're on to a winner. Very funny and oozing with fond, rather odd memories.*

Rachel Blackman (Award-winning writer/performer of “The Art of Catastrophe” and “Steal Compass, Drive North, Disappear”)

*Dear Brian, Joe, Dave and Ross. LOVED big daddy. Loads of fun and interesting too. Enjoyed it like a kid enjoys a fair. Thanks.xx*

Lucy Bradridge

*This show was fantastic.*

## TWEETS

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The first night of Big Daddy vs Giant Haystacks was excellent. Catch it while you can:

**FringeGuru** Richard Stamp

OK, a last @BrightonFringe recommendation today. Big Daddy v Giant Haystacks - fun, kitsch, bizarre, tender. 10pm

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Next Editors' Choice at @BrightonFringe: Big Daddy Vs Giant Haystacks; who'd have thought 1980's wrestling could make such moving theatre?

**@davidharrisonbn** David Harrison

Ross Gurney-Randall & David Mounfield raise lots of laughs in Big Daddy v Giant Haystacks, a romp through TV's wrestling days #brightfringe