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THE CAMDEN FRINGE: Shaft

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Comedy drama that goes back stage at a lapdancing club.

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Posted by **Charlie Swift** on Sep 22 2009 5:17pm

This is one of the best performances of the year. A poignant look into the world of lap dancers which manages to juxtapose the tragedy of a working reality with subtle comedy to emphasise and disguise the tough reality that lies beneath. This is a brain teaser and leaves you with plenty of food for thought. The strong direction and sharp cast, lead by a brilliant and forceful anchor in (I would say a rising star) Stephanie O'Brien - takes the viewer - with the help of a close audience to stage vicinity - into a realistically uncomfortable but intimate look into the reasons why lap dancers do what they do. **The cast use their stage space with controlled panache.** The pole dancing is truly moving and meaningful. This first run was sincerely superb. I have no doubt this has a bright future and its cast will shine again. When it does appear again - if you miss it - it really will be your loss. Look out for this. **It's an example of contemporary theatre at its best.**

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