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**AUGUST 2007**

**EDINBURGH FESTIVAL – THEATRE NEWS**

**NATASHA WOOD**

**Title of Show:** 'Natasha Wood: Rolling With Laughter'  
**Venue:** Pleasance Dome - Joker  
**Time:** 6.15pm  
**Dates:** 4<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> August (except 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>)  
**Previews:** 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> August

Introducing Natasha Wood, who has been in a wheelchair since birth due to the incurable genetic disease Spinal Muscular Atrophy. Absolutely nothing confines this witty and wildly charismatic 30 something gal from Nottingham, *"What I lack in movement, I make up for vocally!"*

This one woman play, inspired by her hilarious email diaries home to friends and family, was written by Natasha, alongside Beverly Sanders, and is totally autobiographical. From her fairytale marriage, quirky parents, siblings and glamorous job as a TV production manager for the BBC, the play takes you through a few tears but more importantly a lot of laughter. Her story is empowering, humorous, one-of-a-kind take on life, love, lingerie & sex – with a little disability thrown in. Natasha plays all the roles including herself.

Just returned from Los Angeles, she has just premiered 'Rolling with Laughter' in Hollywood to critical acclaim with a flurry of media coverage including an appearance on Fox News. Many celebrities attended her show including Valerie Harper (Rhoda), Anne Rutherford (Gone with the Wind) and some of the cast of The West Wing.

She has attended many A list parties and premieres and met a host of stars including her dream man Leonardo Di Caprio, her hero Stephen Fry, Dustin Hoffman and Clint Eastwood amongst many others. Now back in the UK - Natasha is being filmed for a documentary with a crew following her around 24/7 for a year!

Wood calls herself 'the luckiest girl in the world' – she's bawdy, brazen and brave, she moved to a new country, took writing courses, attended film school and had a boob job whilst she can't even pick up a pint of milk! Hang on and enjoy the ride!

Cameron Watson (Director): Watson's debut feature film as writer/director/producer, "Our Very Own," starring Allison Janney, Jason Ritter, Cheryl Hines, Keith Carradine, Beth Grant, Faith Prince and Autumn Reeser World Premiered at the 2005 Los Angeles Film Festival. The movie has won awards at numerous film festivals around the country and was recently picked up by Miramax films who with Disney will be releasing it on DVD this summer. Last year he directed the North American stage premiere of Dodie Smith's "I Capture the Castle" in LA. The play received 6 LA Stage Alliance Ovation nominations in 2006.

Beverly Sanders (Co-author) is an actress who studied with Lee Strasberg has appeared in films, television and theatre for many years. Eight years ago she wrote and performed her own award winning one woman play – a true story, "Yes Sir, That's My Baby." After a successful run in Los Angeles, and Circle Rep Festival in New York, she was approached by the Dean of the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) to teach a One Person Show class in their extension program. Throughout her career Sanders has appeared in over 75 television shows and commercials including regular roles on both "Mary Tyler Moore" and "Rhoda".

[www.rollingwithlaughter.com](http://www.rollingwithlaughter.com)

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