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## Orkestra del Sol's 'Top Trumps' across the UK

1 brass band, 9 musicians, 30 cities, 60 shows... and 45,000 playing cards!

Edinburgh Fringe favourites Orkestra del Sol further explore their polygamous love affair with bombastic brass band music, anarchic humour and tall tales in a brand new show.

Set to tour throughout the UK this summer, Top Trumps is a charming and comic show featuring collectable playing cards for the audience and directly inspired by the card-swapping craze of the 1980s. Choose your favourite, swap with your neighbour or collect the full set! Witness band members pit themselves against each other in a frenzy of high-speed riffs, ridiculous musical challenges, one-upmanship and brass bravado. But who will emerge as Top Trump? What is the Orkestra's collective lung capacity? Who has the top speed? Which is the longest instrument? Who has the biggest range? Ladies and gentlemen, there's only one way to find out...

Orkestra del Sol's explosive reinvention of the brass band format has turned heads on both the festival circuit and the street theatre scene across the UK, prompting comparisons to the virtuosic wedding bands of Eastern Europe, the suave street bands of the US and the rebellious carnival bands of Latin-America. Soaring horn lines, rolling middle-eastern rhythms, virtuosic trumpet solos and a dash of New Orleans sass are expertly woven into a performance bursting with wildly skilful musical arrangements, a roguish sense of theatre and a good dose of humour. Not to be missed.

"Magnificent" **The Independent**

"Utterly captivating" **Songlines**

"Brilliant musicians" **Time Out**

"You cannot take your eyes off these characters for a second, for fear of missing another hilarious interaction or quirky gesture" **Three Weeks**

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## Orkestra del Sol – Top Trumps Tour 2010

April 3	Oran Mor	<b>Glasgow</b>
May 18	Lyth Arts Centre	<b>Lyth (nr Wick)</b>
May 19	Eden Court (One Touch Theatre)	<b>Inverness</b>
May 20	Milton Village Green	<b>Milton (nr Invergordon)</b>
May 21	Glenuig Hall	<b>Glenuig</b>
May 22	'Balkanarama' @ Studio 24	<b>Edinburgh</b>
May 25	The Croft	<b>Bristol</b>
May 26	The Bell	<b>Bath</b>
May 27	Rook Lane Chapel	<b>Frome</b>
May 28	Hootananny, Brixton	<b>London</b>
May 29	Private Party	<b>Puglia, Italy</b>
June 17	Queen of Clubs Cabaret @ The Regal	<b>Oxford</b>
June 18	'Mental Elf Collective' @ The Trades Club	<b>Hebden Bridge</b>
June 19	'MidMad' @ Aberystwyth Arts Centre	<b>Aberystwyth</b>
June 20	Ten Feet Tall	<b>Cardiff</b>
June 22	The Brook	<b>Southampton</b>
June 25	Ludlow Assembly Rooms	<b>Ludlow</b>
June 26-27	Theatre & Circus Field / Club Dada	<b>Glastonbury Festival</b>
July 16-18	Sandhurst Freedom Days (various venues)	<b>Sandhurst</b>
July 19	Cargo, Shoreditch	<b>London</b>
July 20	Milton Keynes International Festival	<b>Milton Keynes</b>
July 21	Emmanuel United Reformed Church	<b>Cambridge</b>
July 22	Norwich Arts Centre	<b>Norwich</b>
July 23-24	Lakes Alive, Carlisle Castle	<b>Carlisle</b>
July 24-25	Merchant City Festival	<b>Glasgow</b>
July 31-Aug 1	International Riverside Festival	<b>Stockton-on-Tees</b>
Aug 6	Belladrum Tartan Heart Festival	<b>Beaulieu (nr Inverness)</b>
Aug 12	Queens Hall, Edinburgh Fringe	<b>Edinburgh</b>
Aug 15	Spiegeltent, Fringe by the Sea	<b>North Berwick</b>
Aug 20	Green Phoenix Festival	<b>Tyne &amp; Wear</b>
Aug 27	The Lemon Tree	<b>Aberdeen</b>
Aug 29	Solfest	<b>Cumbria</b>

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