

NEW ART CLUB THIS IS NOW

SOHO THEATRE

MONDAY FEBRUARY 15 – FEBRUARY 20

9.30pm

"If Flight of The Concords danced rather than sang, they would be a lot like New Art Club" The London Paper



It's 1983 - Madonna releases her first album, *Karma Chameleon* by Boy George's Culture Club is the top selling single in the UK, and the 13 year old future contemporary dance star Tom Roden illegally tapes the first 'Now That's What I Call Music' LP onto a C60 cassette. At the same time 15 year old Pete Shenton is busy painting his bedroom black and experimenting with which household product is best for making his hair spiky (its not furniture polish).

Fast forward twenty seven years – Madonna is a divorcee banned from stealing African babies, Boy George is in prison on an abduction charge and Tom has teamed up with Pete to form New Art Club. Finding the old cassette in a drawer one day, the two of them listen to it together and a brand new show is born

Join Britain's funniest dance duo as they bring last Summer's Edinburgh Fringe triumph to Soho this February. In *This Is Now* Tom and Pete jump headlong into the dark pool of days gone by Tom and Pete come out covered in a filthy 80's gunk. By deconstructing this classic album the boys unearth funny dances and philosophical comedy about then, the future and now. Can they save themselves from drowning in teenage reminiscences? Is there still Something Duran Duran Should Know? Has Limahl's mullett stopped growing yet? And will Phil Collins ever shut up?

Since 2001 when they formed New Art Club Tom And Pete have been ploughing their own furrow with shows that are a mixture of comedy, live art and dance - serious and silly in just about equal measure.

Having taken the dance world by the scruff of the neck, given it a good shake and one hell of a tickle, garnering fantastic reviews and gaining a cult following along the way, last year they turned their attention to the comedy scene. With a brand new show under their arms they embarked on the journey to the Edinburgh Fringe. An instant hit, amongst fellow comedians and audiences alike, *Extra Ordinary World* has since had a run at Soho Theatre and they have enjoyed short appearances on BBC 2's *The Culture Show* and juggle their repertoire of work around the country.

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PRESS NIGHT

Monday 15th February

LISTINGS INFO

Soho Theatre

21 Dean Street

London

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(Tottenham Court Road tube)

Nov 17 – Nov 22 2008

9.30pm

Advance Tickets

15-16 February **£10**

17-20 February **£12** (£10)

Advanced comedy prices are discounted. Add £2.50 when paying on the door.

Box office

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