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**“PRIDE AND PREJUDICE GONE WILD IN THE BEST WAY” Rip it Up,
Adelaide ★★★★★ (For Promise and Promiscuity)**

Penny Ashton Presents

Olive Copperbottom: A New Musical By Charles Dickens and Penny Ashton

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Following the delicate sold out successes of *Promise and Promiscuity*, Penny Ashton (*Radio NZ The Panel*) swaps Austen for Dickens and brings orphaned hero Olive, and a squalid gaggle of Victorian characters to pox-ridden London life. Will Olive find a family amongst the brothels, toffs and gruel? Or will Mrs Sourtart break her heart as well as her teeth? A rollicking one-woman musical journey that will fulfil your greatest expectations and be the best of times and well... the best of times.

Promise and Promiscuity has stormed the world stage, having been performed over 200 times in 4 years and selling out theatres, historic halls and front rooms from Stewart Island to Edinburgh to Regina, Saskatchewan. The natural progression in this literary journey is the master of Victorian squalor and finery, Charles Dickens. Ashton requests that you should come because as Dickens says; “It is a hopeless endeavour to attract people to the theatre, unless they first be brought to believe they will never get in.”

Previous praise for *Promise and Promiscuity*:

“...you’ll be delighted whether or not you know your Bennets from your Dashwoods.” ★★★★★ Canadian Broadcasting Corporation

“...Razor-sharp wit.” ★★★★★ Three Weeks, Edinburgh

“...a sparkling performer..” ★★★★★ The Scotsman

WINNER: BEST PERFORMANCE IN A COMEDY, AUCKLAND FRINGE / PATRON’S PICK, WINNIPEG FRINGE / BEST THEATRE WEEK THREE, ADELAIDE FRINGE

Penny Ashton is NZ’s own global comedienne having performed over 500 solo shows all over the world. She has represented New Zealand in Theatresports and Performance Poetry and is embarking on her first UK theatre tour with *Promise and Promiscuity* in 2017. She is a regular and original panelist on Radio NZ National’s *The Panel* and is a busy marriage celebrant and jazz hand enthusiast.

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**Penny Ashton – Olive Copperbottom
Wellington**

Dates: Tue 9 – Sat 27 May, 7pm

Venue: Circa Two, 1 Taranaki St

Tickets: \$25 – \$35

Bookings: circa.co.nz // 04 801 7992

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