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Topless in Philadelphia

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Welcome to Philadelphia, the city that gave us the Declaration of Independence, the Liberty Bell, Grace Kelly and the Philly Cheesesteak Sandwich.

Gus Clover is your tour guide on an open-top London sightseeing bus driving through the streets of the City of Brotherly Love. He's eager to show you the city he loves, from Betsy Ross's house to the 'Rocky Steps', but the sights keep triggering off memories from his past. Hear how his personal hero Benjamin Franklin inspired Gus to become an inventor. Laugh as he reminisces at how he met and married his librarian wife Lynda. Discover how it all went wrong when he brought Popeye the puppy into the family home just as Lynda was about to give birth. This is the Philadelphia story that has nothing to do with the Main Line!

This one-man play is the second in a series of comedy monologues and follows on from *Topless* (Matador, 2006). It is loosely based on the author's own experience of training tour guides in Philadelphia and should appeal to actors looking for a funny audition speech.

About the author: Miles Tredinnick's previous stage plays include *Twist*, *Topless*, *Laugh? I Nearly Went to Miami!* and *It's Now or Never*. For BBC1 TV he created and wrote the comedy series *Wyatt's Watchdogs*, and he was also a writer on the hit show *Birds of a Feather*. In addition, he has written stage and television material for Frankie Howerd, including the Channel 4 special *Superfrank!*. His first novel was *Fripp*.

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