



AN EVENING WITH

*the Really
Terrible Orchestra*

& ALEXANDER McCALL SMITH

in **The Town Hall, New York**

123 West 43rd Street

7.30pm on Wednesday 1st April 2009 (April Fools Day)

Tickets **\$30**

www.ticketmaster.com Tel: **212/307-4100**

the Really Terrible Orchestra (RTO)

FOUNDED in 1995 by Alexander McCall Smith and his wife Elizabeth, the orchestra has provided a refuge for the cream of Edinburgh's musically disadvantaged. The audience may recognise (if they listen carefully) excerpts from great classical works and musical shows. The evening will be sympathetically punctuated by speeches, interviews and contributions from a real live Scottish Major General and a High Court Judge and bagpipes may appear. The orchestra will perform under the distinguished baton of Sir Richard Neville-Towle (source of knighthood unknown). All the performers will be doing their very best. There will certainly be no attempt to play badly; indeed such a suggestion has risked offence in the past. One or preferably two glasses of wine before the concert are strongly recommended.

The RTO has rapidly become one of the highlights of the Edinburgh Fringe. **“Why this group of (very) modestly talented musicians should presume to perform in public is beyond anyone”** *Fringe Programme*

Alexander McCall Smith

is Sousaphonist and Contrabassoonist with the RTO. He is also the author of *The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency* novels, the *44 Scotland Street* and *Corduroy Mansions* series, the *Isabel Dalhousie* novels and much else. He will be talking about his books, music as therapy, the challenges of playing C sharp...

You will be pleased to know that the evening will finish around 8.45 pm. There will be no interval.

www.thereallyterribleorchestra.com
www.alexandermccallsmith.co.uk
www.the-townhall-nyc.org