

An April Fools' Evening with

the Really Terrible  
Orchestra

First U.S.  
Appearance

& ALEXANDER  
M<sup>C</sup>CALL SMITH



Wednesday April 1, 2009, 8 PM  
The Town Hall, New York  
123 West 43rd Street

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# the Really Terrible Orchestra (RTO)

**It's really true!** The original Really Terrible Orchestra, founded in 1995 by best-selling author **Alexander McCall Smith**, is coming to New York for a one-off, one-date tour in what promises to be their most ear-shattering performance ever. Following their recent sell-out success in London's prestigious Cadogan Hall, the RTO will play in The Town Hall, New York, under the distinguished baton of **Sir Richard Neville-Towle** (source of knighthood unknown) on April Fools' Day – this is no joke!



*“Why this group of (very) modestly talented musicians should presume to perform in public is beyond anyone.”*

Edinburgh Festival Program

*“One of the most spectacular cult items ... from Edinburgh's Fringe Festival.”*

New York Times, August 2007

Favourites from the Edinburgh-based band's repertoire may be performed; new works may be trialed; classics may be revisited. With the RTO, nothing is guaranteed except the quality of the music. The tuneless wonders will appear as part of the 2009 New York Tartan Week celebrations. Along with some choice words from Professor McCall Smith, there will be a real Scottish modern Major-General re-interpreting Gilbert and Sullivan's famous comic song, a bagpipe serenade, cannon fire and the New York première of a musical saw concerto.

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## ALEXANDER MCCALL SMITH

is sousaphonist and contrabassoonist with the RTO. He is also one of the world's most prolific and best-loved writers. His books, including the global success *The No.1 Ladies' Detective Agency*, along with his *Scotland Street* novels, online serial novel *Corduroy Mansions* and the *Isabel Dalhousie* series, have made him a regular feature on the *New York Times* bestseller lists. He will be talking about his books, music as therapy and the challenges of playing C sharp.

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One or preferably two glasses of wine before the concert are strongly advised. There will be no intermission. You will be pleased to know that the evening will finish around 9.15 pm.

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