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ABBEY THEATRE ON TOUR WITH AWARD-WINNING MARK O'ROWE PLAY, TERMINUS



August 2009 – The Abbey Theatre is touring one of its most successful and critically-acclaimed plays of the last three years this autumn. **Mark O'Rowe's** award-winning work **TERMINUS** is to open in Cork's Everyman Palace Theatre on Wednesday 30 September. It then tours to the renowned Melbourne International Arts Festival in Australia before returning to Ireland for a number of dates at the prestigious Ulster Bank Belfast Festival at Queens, the Backstage Theatre in Longford, the Black Box Theatre, Galway and finally at the Abbey again from a weeklong run from Tuesday 10 November.

A vivid and exhilarating play, **TERMINUS** is a tale of three people ripped from their daily lives and thrown into a fantastical world of serial killers, avenging angels and love-sick demons.

The cast for **TERMINUS** is **Kate Brennan, Andrea Irvine** and **Karl Shiels**. Playwright **Mark O'Rowe**, also directs while the design team for this stunning work includes original music by **Philip Stewart**, set and costume design by **Jon Bausor** and lighting design by **Philip Gladwell**.

Mark O'Rowe is recognised as one of Ireland's most important contemporary playwrights. He is seen as a crucial figure among an exciting generation of young writers who emerged in the 1990s and, in their exchange of traditional rural stories for urban concerns and with a thrilling exploration of diverse theatrical forms, changed the face of modern Irish theatre. **O'Rowe's** early works include **The Aspidistra Code, Anna's Ankle** and **From Both Hips**. However, it was the remarkable two-hander, **Howie The Rookie**, produced by London's Bush Theatre in 1999 and subsequently toured to the US, which proved to be **O'Rowe's** breakthrough play. The lyrical violence and extraordinary language exemplified in this play became synonymous with **O'Rowe's** work and has continued through further plays including **Made in China** (2001) and **Crestfall** (2003). In 2003 **O'Rowe** took a successful sidestep into the world of film with his screenplay for the movie **Intermission**, directed by John Crowley and starring Colin Farrell, collecting much critical acclaim. Since then he has received further praise for his screenplay adaptation of **Boy A** (also directed by John Crowley), while his latest movie, **Perrier's Bounty** has recently gone into production with actors Jim Broadbent, Brendan Gleeson and Cillian Murphy heading the impressive cast list.

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TOUR DATES

Everyman Palace Theatre, Cork

Wednesday 30 September – Friday 2 October

Melbourne International Arts Festival

Friday 9 – Tuesday 13 October

Ulster Bank Belfast Festival at Queens

Monday 19 – Saturday 24 October

Backstage Theatre, Longford

Thursday 29 – Friday 30 October

Black Box Theatre, Galway

Wednesday 4 – Saturday 7 November

Abbey Theatre, Peacock Stage

Tuesday 10 – Saturday 21 November

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