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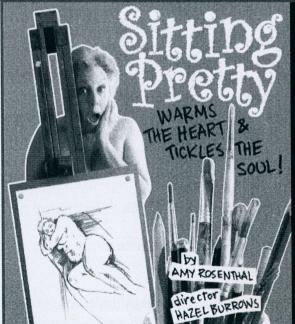
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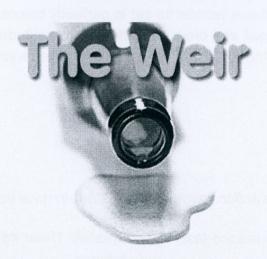
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The Weir by Conor McPherson Directed by Ron Stannard



in the Maskers Studio Theatre, Southampton 22-26 October 2013 at 7.30pm

The Weir by Conor McPherson

Director's Notes

Since its first production in 1997, Conor McPherson's beautiful heart –breaking play has entranced audiences around the world. It is not hard to see why: on one level it is a simple tale of people telling stories about things that go bump in the night but its underlying motifs of loneliness, loss and the need for warmth and communication touch all our lives, as does the suggestion that in this rackety modern world the spiritual and supernatural may still have a part to play in the healing process.

At times The Weir is irresistibly comic; at others it is haunting, poignant and desolate and in rehearsal we have sought to bring out all these characteristics. "You have to relish the details" says Jack and my cast have certainly done that. So too has John Hamon whose wonderful set is perfectly tailored to this space. I owe the cast and crew a great debt of gratitude for their sterling and talented work on this production. I hope you enjoy it as much as I have.

Ron Stannard

The action takes place in a bar in rural Ireland in 1997.

The performance lasts approximately 1hour 45 minutes without an interval.

Cast in order of appearance

Jack Eric Petterson
Brendon Ian Wilson
Jim Steve Clark

Finbar Johnny Carrington
Valerie Sarah-Jayne Wareham

Production Team

Director Ron Stannard
Directors Assistant Avril Woodward
Production Manager Christine Baker
Stage Manager Kathryn Salmon

Sound Jamie McCarthy, Geoff Grandy Sound Operator Jamie McCarthy, Adam Taussik

Lighting Design Clive Weeks

Lighting Operator Rebecca Brumpton

Properties Adam Taussik

Costume Sheana Carrington

Set Design & Painting John Hamon

Set Dressing Adam Taussik, John Hamon

Set Construction Roger Lockett, Kenn Hann, Graham

Buchanan, Geoff Wharam, John Hamon,

Geoff Cook

Marketing & Publicity Sarah Russell, Angela Stansbridge and

team

Programme/Printing Chris Baker/Geoff Wharam

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