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A poetical stroll through the National Gallery of London

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**DERMOT CROWLEY** Dermot is delighted to be working once again with the Irish Rep and with Dearbhla Molloy. They last appeared at the Rep together in Brian

Friel's Afterplay. Dermot has worked extensively in the West End. The National Theatre and on Broadway. He made his Broadway debut at the Walter Kerr Theatre starring in Conor McPherson's hugely successful hit play The Weir, for which he received a Drama Desk Award. He returned to Broadway to star in Brian Friel's Translations at the Friedman Theatre, and won the Los Angeles Drama Critics Circle award for best actor in Martin McDonagh's The Cripple of Inishmaan. His Television work includes "Pennyworth," "Poirot," "MI5," "Midsomer Murders," "Falling for a Dancer," and he currently stars as Schenk in BBC America's Golden Globe winning drama "Luther." Films include The Death of Stalin, Black 47, The Lady in the Van. The Foreigner, Return of the ledi



**DEARBHLA MOLLOY** Theatre: Broadway: The Ferryman (Bernard B. Jacobs Theatre Broadway, Gielgud West End and Royal Court Theatre; Olivier

Award for Best Supporting Actress

nomination); Dancing at Lughnasa (Abbey Theatre/Broadway: Tony nomination for Best Award Performance by a Featured Actress in a Play, Drama Desk Award, Theatre World Special Award); A Touch of the *Poet* (Broadway Studio 54, NY); Outside Mullingar (Bernard Jacobs): Afterplay (Irish Rep); The Cripple of Inishmaan (Atlantic Theater National Theatre UK. US & Ireland Tours: Drama Desk Award and Irish Theatre Award for Best Supporting Actress); Much Ado About Nothing (Guthrie Theater Minneapolis) West End London recent: Uncle Vanva (Harold Pinter Theatre.) In Celebration (Duke of Yorks,) Arcadia (Haymarket,) Juno and the Paycock (RSC, Donmar and Roundabout Theater: London Theatre Critics Award.) Ireland: Aristocrats. Misanthrope, Translations, The Ivanov (all Abbey Theatre:) Richard's Cork Leg (Abbey Theatre/Royal Court:) A Life (Irish Theatre Award for Best Supporting Actress - Abbey Theatre/Old Vic;) Phaedre, Uncle Vanya, The Philanthropist and Come on Over (Gate Theatre;) The Plough and the Stars (Gaiety): Television: "Women on the Verge," "Acceptable Risk," "Scandal," "Family Tree," "Quirke," "Casualty," "Coronation Street," "Midsomer Murders," "Foyle's War," "Waking the Dead," "New Tricks," "55 Degrees North," "Stan," "A Touch of Frost," "Sex and the City," "The Fragile Heart, GBH." Film: Wild Mountain Thyme, 3096, No Reservations, The Damned United, Tara Road, The Blackwater

Lightship, Home for Christmas, Bloom, Frankie Starlight, Run of the Country, Loaded, This is the Sea. Dearbhla was the recipient of the US Audie Award for Best Female Solo Narration and nominated for a Grammy Award for My Dream of You by Nuala O'Faolain. She is an Associate Artist of the Abbey Theatre, National Theatre of Ireland.

**PAUL DURCAN** (Poet) was born in Dublin of Mayo parents in 1944. His first book. Endsville (1967), has been followed by twenty two others, including O Westport in the Light of Asia Minor (1975), The Berlin Wall Café (a Poetry Book Society Choice in 1985), Daddy, Daddy (winner of the Whitbread Award for Poetry in 1990), Crazy About Women (1991), A Snail in My Prime (1993). Give Me Your Hand (1994), Greetings to Our Friends in Brazil (1999), The Art of Life (2004), The Laughter of Mothers (2007), Life is a Dream: 40 Years Reading Poems (2009) and Praise in which I Live and Move and Have my Being (2012). In 1974 Paul Durcan received the Patrick Kavanagh Award and in 2001 a Cholmondeley Award. He was Ireland Professor of Poetry from 2004 to 2007. He was conferred with a D. Litt by Trinity College Dublin in 2009 and by University College Dublin in 2011. He is a member of Aosdána.

JAMIE BEAMISH (Director, Original Music, Videographer) Previous work includes: Co-writer and composer of

CAT (The Play) which was seen at Ambassadors Theatre the in London's west End following runs in Edinburgh, Waterford, Belfast, Leicester and Germany. Co-writer of Ghosting a new Irish play which played to great acclaim last year in Ireland. Jamie's latest play The Horrors will be produced in Ireland next year. Credits as an actor include seasons in London's West End. Donmar, National Theatre. Shakespeare's Globe, The Roval Shakespeare Company and many more. TV work includes: "Derry "HALO," "Bridgerton," Girls." "London Irish," and "WILL." Film work: Extra Ordinary, Hanna, Anna Karenina, Robin Hood, Pudsey, and Love, Rosie amongst others. Jamie has been nominated for the lan Charleson Award for best young classical performance and has won the Manchester Evening News Award for best performance. Jamie composed original songs for the TNT series "WILL" and also sound design and/or original scores for productions by companies including Red Kettle, Spraoi, Little Red Kettle, Theatre Royal Waterford, Garter Lane and Leicester Square, Jermyn Street & theatre503 in London.

**CIARÁN O'REILLY** (Producing Director) Favorite directing credits include: The Weir: A Performance on Screen, Lady G: Plays and Whisperings of Lady Gregory, Dublin Carol, The Shadow of a Gunman, The Seafarer, The Dead, 1904,

Shining City, Off the Meter, on the Record, The Weir (Calloway Nom.), Banished Children of Eve. The Emperor Jones, (Callaway Award, O'Neill Credo Award, Drama Desk, Drama League, and Lucille Lortel Nom.), The Hairy Ape (Drama Desk Drama League and Callaway Nom.). Philadelphia, Here I Come! (Drama Desk Nom) Irish Rep acting roles Molly Sweeney: include: A Performance on Screen, Da, Juno and the Paycock. Dancing at Lughnasa, Molly Sweeney, Candida, Aristocrats. A Whistle in the Dark, The Shaughraun, and The Irish and How They Got That Way. He appeared the Roundabout Theatre in Company's production of A Touch of the Poet with Gabriel Byrne. He has appeared at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin and made his Broadway debut in The Corn is Green. Films include The Devil's Own (starring Harrison Ford), Law & Order, The Irish and How They Got That Way, Third Watch, Bored to Death and The Knick. Ciarán has been inducted in to the Irish America Hall of Fame and was awarded the Presidential Distinguished Service Award for the Irish Abroad, 2019 by President Michael D. Higgins.

**CHARLOTTE MOORE** (Artistic Director)Recent directing assignments include: Love Noël: A Performance on Screen, Molly Sweeney: A Performance on Screen, London Assurance, Love Noël, The Plough and the Stars, On a Clear

Day You Can See Forever, Three Small Irish Masterpieces by William Butler Yeats, Lady Gregory and J.M. Synge. NY premiere of Brian Friel's The Home Place. World premiere of Larry Kirwan's Rebel in the Soul. Finian's Rainbow. The Phyllis Newman Women's Health Initiative gala, Truman Capote's A Christmas Memory, and Juno and the Paycock and Dancing at Lughnasa. New York stage appearances include A Perfect Ganesh, Meet Me in St. Louis, The Perfect Party, Morning's at Seven, Private Lives (with Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton), and many performances with the New York Shakespeare Festival. Ms. Moore has received two Tony Award nominations, the Outer Critics Circle Award, the Drama Desk Award, the Drama League Award, the Irish America Top 100 Irish Award, The Eugene O'Neill Lifetime Achievement Award, and the 2008 Irish Women Of The Year Award. She is the recipient of the St. Patrick's Committee in Holyoke's John F. Kennedy National Award, and has thrice been listed as one of the "Top 50 Power Women" in Irish America Magazine. Charlotte was named "Director of the Year" by The Wall Street Journal in 2011. Charlotte has been inducted in to the Irish America Hall of Fame and was awarded the Presidential Distinguished Service Award for the Irish Abroad, 2019 by President Michael D. Higgins.

REPERTORY IRISH THEATRE Founded by Ciarán O'Reilly and Charlotte Moore, Irish Repertory Theatre opened its doors in 1988 with Sean O'Casev's The Plough and the Stars and is now in its  $31^{st}$ Season. Irish Rep is currently the only year-round theatre company in North America devoted to bringing Irish and Irish-American works to the stage. Recognized with the Jujamcyn Theatres Award, a special Drama Desk Award for "Excellence in Presenting Distinguished Irish Drama," the Lucille Lortel Award for "Outstanding Body of Work," and a 2013 Outer Critics Circle Special Achievement Award in recognition of 25 years of producing outstanding theatre. Irish Rep presents the very best in Irish theatre, from the masters to the new generation of Irish and Irish-American writers who are transforming the stage. Located in the heart of New York's Off-Broadway community, Irish Rep offers an engaging perspective on the and their unique lrish contributions to the world of drama.

**THE CORONET THEATRE** (*Filming location*) The Coronet Theatre is a risk-taking, international theatre in an iconic, Grade II listed building in London's Notting Hill. Both its programme and the building's restoration is curated by Artistic Director & CEO Anda Winters. The Coronet Theatre presents an eclectic programme of theatre, film, dance, music, poetry and visual art in its intimate 195-seat auditorium and 90-seat main studio space, re-named The Print in recognition Room of the company's previous home at а nearby print works. A fusion of multi-disciplinary international and UK work, The Coronet Theatre stages a mix of new productions, commissions and visiting artists, including a number of UK and world premieres. We offer memorable and often unexpected experiences for our audiences. while supporting established artists and nurturing new talent.

THE NATIONAL GALLERY. LONDON The National Gallery in Trafalgar Square, London is one of the greatest art galleries in the world. Founded by Parliament in 1824, the Gallery houses the nation's collection of paintings in the Western European tradition from the late 13th to the early 20th century. The collection spans 700 years of art from early medieval Europe, to Italian Renaissance and Post Impressionists. It includes works by Cézanne, Degas, Leonardo, Monet, Raphael, Rembrandt Titian, Turner, Gogh and Velázquez. Van The Gallery's key aims are to care for the collection, to enhance the collection, and to encourage access and enjoyment for everyone, now and in the future. The paintings belong to the public and entrance to see them is free, 361 days a year. information. For more see nationalgallery.org.uk.

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# A Letter from the Directors

Almost a decade ago in 2012, when the world was "normal," we brought our pals Dearbhla Molloy and Dermot Crowley - two of Ireland's finest actors - to the Irish Rep with their unique show *Give Me Your Hand*.

Using the magic words of the poet, Paul Durcan, Dermot and Dearbhla gave us a virtual tour past some of the world's most iconic paintings from the National Gallery, London. It was a balm to the senses then when the world's galleries and museums were open for all to enjoy.

Today, with so many institutions closed it feels imperative to invite them back. Allow them to take you by the hand and give you an hour's respite. It will be the tonic you craved.

Love,

Charlotte TYE

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