

Charm Offensive presents

The Gigli Concert

by Tom Murphy. Directed by Gavin McAlinden. Designed by Vicki Fifield. Lighting by Paul Colwell.

Cast: Niall Buggy. Catherine Cusack. Paul McGann.

THE TEAM BEHIND *GATES OF GOLD* RETURN WITH "ONE OF THE GREATEST IRISH PLAYS OF THE CENTURY"
(*Irish Times*)



JPW King is an Englishman holed up in his Dublin office. He offers his services as a practitioner of 'Dynamatology', an organisation that promises spiritual healing and the ultimate in self-realisation to the wounded soul. But JPW himself is wounded, what with his dependence on vodka, the demands of his mistress, Mona; the unobtainable love of his life, Helen; and the big one: Christ, how is he going to get through today? There is a knock on his door: he has a client, an Irishman who wants to sing like Beniamino Gigli...



The production team behind the hugely acclaimed UK premiere of Frank McGuinness' *Gates of Gold*, starring John Bennett and William Gaunt, return to the Finborough Theatre with Tom Murphy's modern Irish classic, with a distinguished cast including Olivier Award winner **Niall Buggy** (*John Bull's Other Island*, *An Inspector Calls*, *The Weir*, *Dead Funny*, Royal National Theatre, West End, Broadway, Young Vic, *The Butcher Boy* Abbey/Gate/Gaiety Dublin); **Catherine Cusack** (*Ballykissangel*, Royal National Theatre, Out Of Joint, The Peter Hall Company, English Touring Theatre and Shared Experience), and **Paul McGann** (*Withnail and I*, *The Monocled Mutineer*, *Kidnapped*, *Hornblower*, *Dr Who*, Royal National Theatre, Royal Court, Liverpool Playhouse).

Tom Murphy's plays include *A Whistle in the Dark*, *Famine*, *The Sanctuary Lamp*, *The Blue Macushla*, *Conversations on a Homecoming* and *Bailegangaire*.



PRESS ACCLAIM FOR *GATES OF GOLD* AT THE FINBOROUGH THEATRE

Critics Choice in the *Evening Standard* and *Time Out*

***** Five Stars "Remarkable...overwhelming...Gavin McAlinden's powerfully nuanced production "

Nicholas de Jongh, *Evening Standard*

"The best hour and a half in the theatre this year" *Plays International*

"McAlinden's sensitive, nuanced direction" Colin Shearman, *The Stage*

"A handsome and haunting production by Gavin McAlinden" Paul Taylor, *The Independent*

PRESS ACCLAIM FOR *THE GIGLI CONCERT*

"An electrifying evening in the theatre" *Irish Independent*

"A complex and fascinating play bearing the true stigmata of talent." *The Guardian*

"This is a dark, funny, consuming evening of high points, breaking points, hangovers and hints - uncertain hints - of hope" *The Observer*

"Tom Murphy's searching, challenging, funny play" Ian *City Limits*

PRESS NIGHT: THURSDAY, MARCH 31ST 2005 AT 7.30PM
PHOTOCALL: TUESDAY, MARCH 29TH 2005 AT 1.00PM-1.30PM

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Tuesday, March 29th-Saturday, April 23rd 2005

Tuesday to Saturday Evenings at 7.30pm. Sunday Matinees at 3.30pm.

Tickets £12, £9 concessions. Tuesday Evenings £8 all seats. Saturday evenings £12 all seats. Previews (March 29th and 30th) £8 all seats. Performance Length: Approximately 2 hours.

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