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**RED KETTLE'S 'BOY SOLDIER' IS ON THE MARCH AGAIN – NATIONAL  
TOUR FOR RUN AT THE EVERYMAN PALACE THEATRE**

**Monday March 3<sup>rd</sup> – Saturday March 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2008** - Red Kettle's historic presentation, **BOY SOLDIER** by **Ben Hennessy** is set to run in Cork's **Everyman Palace Theatre** as part of its national tour. Originally produced in 2006, **BOY SOLDIER** had its premiere in Waterford to instant national acclaim. **Red Kettle** has revived the production which is currently on a seven week tour of Ireland, and is set to open at the Everyman Palace Theatre from March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Based on the story of John Condon, the youngest allied soldier killed in the First World War, this dramatic piece of theatre uses a local story to tell a tale of universal relevance. Focusing on the forgotten figures of Irish history, the play commemorates the lives of the many unacknowledged Irishmen who fought and died in the First World War.

A native to Ballybricken, Waterford, **John Condon** was just 14 years of age when he was killed in the Second Battle of Ypres on May 24<sup>th</sup>, 1915. His grave in Flanders is the second most visited in the world, topped only by the Grave of the Unknown Soldier in Rome. Writer and Artistic Director of Red Kettle, **Ben Hennessy** says 'John Condon from Waterford has become famous as the symbol for child soldiers all over the world'.

**BOY SOLDIER** was developed in a series of workshops with the company in Waterford and in Flanders, in which the cast visited the battlefields and graves of the many Irishmen who lost their lives in the war.

The Waterford based Red Kettle Theatre Company premiered **BOY SOLDIER** as their 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary production in 2006. Since then, Red Kettle has won critical acclaim for its 2007 production of **RIDLEY WALKER**

**BOY SOLDIER** is Written and Directed by **Ben Hennessy**, with Sound Design by **Jamie Beamish**, Lighting by **Conleth White**, and Costume Design by **Joan Hickson**.

Cast **Sean Lawlor, Nicholas Kavanagh, Kieran Doyle, Eoin Lynch, Michael Power, Joe Meagher** and **Thomas Walsh** as **John Condon**.

*The universal story of boys and war, tragic, ironic, sickening and even helplessly beautiful ... magnificently theatrical and heartfelt*

**SUNDAY INDEPENDENT**

**BOY SOLDIER** runs at the Everyman Palace Theatre on Monday March 3<sup>rd</sup> – Saturday March 8<sup>th</sup> @ 8pm Tickets are €25 / €20 / €7 Students Mon - Wed  
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