

EVERYMAN PALACE  
THEATRE

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## **EVERYMAN PALACE THEATRE TO UNDERGO REFURBISHMENT**

**THEATRE TO CLOSE DOORS ON AUGUST 3<sup>RD</sup> FOLLOWING RUN OF  
NEW PLAY 'RITA DUNNE' BY PATRICK TALBOT**

**LATE NIGHT WEEKEND EVENTS CONTINUE TO RUN THROUGHOUT CLOSURE**

**THEATRE TO RE-OPEN ON SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> WITH OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF  
'EVERY SEAT TELLS A STORY' SCHEME AND ONE-NIGHT-ONLY  
PERFORMANCE OF THE GATE THEATRE'S**

**'WAITING FOR GODOT' BY SAMUEL BECKETT**

**Thursday July 17<sup>th</sup> 2008** – Everyman Palace Theatre announces news of the auditorium's closure for refurbishment, the launch of a sponsor-a-seat scheme and a one-night-only performance of the 'definitive' **Gate Theatre's** production of ***Waiting for Godot*** by **Samuel Beckett**.

The theatre will close its doors on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, following the run of **Patrick Talbot's** new play ***Rita Dunne***. The Everyman Palace Theatre is pleased to announce that late-night clubs, ***Kickback*** on Friday nights and ***MVM*** on Saturday nights, will continue to run throughout the theatre's closure.

Essential updates to the 111 year old Victorian listed building will be made during the theatre's closure from 3<sup>rd</sup> August to 15<sup>th</sup> September. Funding from Department of Arts, Sports and Tourism under the National Development Plan 2007 – 2013 "Transforming Ireland" and from Cork City Council will be put towards updating the theatre's stage technical equipment and installing brand new seating. While the 2003 refurbishment of the auditorium restored the proscenium arch, boxes and paintwork, this summer's refurbishment will make an essential upgrade to technical facilities in the theatre, as well as enhancing the audience's experience of to the auditorium with new seats.

The Everyman Palace Theatre also launches its ***Every Seat Tells a Story*** scheme this summer. The scheme invites patrons to sponsor a seat in the auditorium whilst sharing their memories of the Everyman to be recorded in an archive. Patrons will have the opportunity to have their names, or the names of a loved-one, engraved on a plaque which will be displayed on one of the auditorium's brand new seats. The scheme will be officially launched upon the theatre's re-opening on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Everyman Palace Theatre will re-open its beautifully refurbished auditorium to the public on **September 15<sup>th</sup>** with a one night only performance of the Gate Theatre's ***Waiting for Godot*** by **Samuel Beckett**. Marking the 20th anniversary of this now legendary production, ***Godot*** stops in Cork's Everyman Palace Theatre as part of its first ever all Ireland tour, where it will visit to an incredible 40 venues in 32 counties, each for one night only! The production will star the original cast members including **Stephen Brennan, Barry McGovern, Johnny Murphy** and **Alan Stanford**. Tickets €25 / €20 can be booked on [www.everymanpalace.com](http://www.everymanpalace.com) / 021 4501673.

**Details of the Everyman Palace Theatre's exciting Autumn / Winter season  
to be announced!**

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