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THEATRE

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EVERYMAN PALACE THEATRE PRESENTS

RITA DUNNE

A new play by **PATRICK TALBOT**

CAN A TAOISACH IN SCANDAL SET HER FREE?

AXIS, BALLYMUN Previews Thur 3 – Sat 5 July
CIVIC THEATRE, TALLAGHT Tue 8 – Sat 19 July. Preview Mon 7
EVERYMAN PALACE THEATRE Tue 22 July – Sat 2 Aug. Preview Mon 21

Thursday 29th May 2008 – The Everyman Palace Theatre is delighted to announce the premiere production of a new play, *Rita Dunne* by **Patrick Talbot** to run in Dublin and Cork this summer.

It's two days before the publication of a transcript that might decide the fate of a government. Though separated from Taoiseach Willie Dunne for many years, Rita Dunne's identity has always been defined by her relationship with him. When scandal threatens the Taoiseach, Rita is torn between loyalty to the father of her daughter and the prospect of real freedom, finally, for herself.

Inspired by recent political events, *Rita Dunne* is a fictitious account of how a political family deals with scandal.

Rita Dunne is written and directed by **Patrick Talbot**, with set design by **Eileen Diss**, lighting by **Conleth White**, costumes by **Leonore McDonough** and sound design by **Irene Buckley**

Cast: **Deirdre Monaghan, Frank Melia** and **Vanessa Keogh**

ABOUT THE EVERYMAN PALACE THEATRE

The Everyman Palace Theatre, Cork is one of Ireland's leading middle scale presenting and producing theatres. As well as hosting a diverse range of touring theatre, the Everyman Palace Theatre has produced or co-produced eight new theatre pieces since 2005, with work touring nationally and internationally. Last year the theatre produced the acclaimed national tour of *Dublin Carol* by Conor McPherson, directed by Patrick Talbot, a new stage adaptation of *Stone Mad* by Seamus Murphy, directed by Pat Kiernan, as well as the first ever staging of Frank O'Connor's *Guests of the Nation* performed by Denis Conway and directed by Patrick Talbot.

Tour Information

Axis, Ballymun - Thurs 3 - 5 July @ 8pm (Previews)
Tickets €15 / €12 conc. Bookings 01 8832100

Civic Theatre, Tallaght - Mon 7th July @8pm (Preview)

Tue 8 – Sat 19 July @ 8pm

Tickets €20 / €16 conc. / €15 preview

Booking 01 4627477

Everyman Palace Theatre Cork – Mon 21 July@ 8pm (Preview)

Tue 22 July – Sat 2 Aug @ 8pm.

Tickets €25 / €20 conc. / €15 preview / €7 for students Mon - Wed.

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