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**FAIRBANK PRODUCTIONS AND PLAY ON WORDS THEATRE PRESENTS THE  
AWARD WINNING 'TOM CREAN – ANTARCTIC EXPLORER'**

**Written and performed by AIDAN DOOLEY**

**JANUARY 14<sup>TH</sup> – 19<sup>TH</sup>**

**Fringe First Award Winner** Edinburgh Fringe Festival 2006  
**Outstanding Solo Performance Nomination** Elliott Norton Theatre Critics Award Boston 2006  
**Best Solo Performance Award Winner** New York International Fringe Festival 2003  
**Best Actor Nomination** Dublin Fringe Festival 2003

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2007** - The critically lauded **TOM CREAN – ANTARCTIC EXPLORER** makes a welcome return to Cork's Everyman Palace Theatre for six performances from January 14<sup>th</sup>.

The opening production of the theatre's exciting programme for 2008, **TOM CREAN – ANTARCTIC EXPLORER** recently completed an eight week sell-out season at the award winning Irish Repertory Theatre New York and will run for six weeks in London following the Cork dates.

Inspired by an exhibition at London's National Maritime Museum, the heroic story of Antarctic explorer Tom Crean is brought to life in this remarkable and uplifting show. Crean's 36 mile, solitary rescue trek to base camp during the Terra Nova expedition, has been described by Antarctic historians as "the finest feat of individual heroism from the entire age of exploration". Aidan Dooley takes us through Crean's legendary experiences with Scott and Shackleton, capturing the explorer's humor and humanity throughout.

This compelling one man show has been playing to capacity audiences for the last four years. Awarded **Best Solo Show** at its premiere at the 2003 New York International Festival and a **Fringe First** at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival 2006, **TOM CREAN – ANTARCTIC EXPLORER** is a grippingly vivid, surprisingly funny account of sheer heroism in the face of impossible odds.

**TOM CREAN – ANTARCTIC EXPLORER** runs at the Everyman Palace Theatre from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2008 @ 8pm Tickets €25 / €20 / €7 students  
Monday Booking on [www.everymanpalace.com](http://www.everymanpalace.com) / 021 4501673

***Crean lived, and did more than survive – he triumphed, and Dooley's performance is no less than a triumph.***

SUNDAY TRIBUNE

***This magnetic revelation of a fascinating character, simply compels a standing ovation***

THE IRISH TIMES

***a remarkable and uplifting piece of theatre, gives everything and asks nothing***

SUNDAY INDEPENDENT

***An unparalleled portrayal. It isn't the destination; it is the journey. Mr Dooley's effort so vividly embodies that maxim you almost believe it.***

NEW YORK TIMES

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