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BLUE RAINCOAT THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS

THE THIRD POLICEMAN

BY FLANN O' BRIEN

ADAPTED FOR THE STAGE BY JOCELYN CLARKE

Monday 19 – Thursday 22 May

Monday 7th April – Everyman Palace Theatre is delighted to announce a run of **Blue Raincoat's** vibrant production, ***The Third Policeman*** by **Flann O'Brien**. Adapted for the stage by **Jocelyn Clarke**, ***The Third Policeman*** was voted one of the top 5 productions of 2007 by **The Irish Times** and now embarks on National Tour from May 2008 with four dates at the Everyman Palace Theatre.

A highly entertaining satire, ***The Third Policeman*** features bicycles that are half-human; humans that are half bicycle; a murder, a most unusual village police force, the writings of an eccentric philosopher and man on a journey through a surreal world of guilt, gags and rap-trap pedals! ***The Third Policeman*** is all at once a murder thriller, a comic satire, a love story and a chilling fable of eternal grief.

Flann O'Brien's seminal novel has been drawn upon tirelessly in contemporary popular culture, from comic books and music to the hit TV series ***Lost***. A major figure in 20th century Irish Literature, O'Brien is also remembered as **Myles na Gopaleen** the author of the much-loved Cruiskeen Lawn column in **The Irish Times**.

Blue Raincoat in collaboration with **Jocelyn Clarke** have won critical praise for their success in bringing **Flann O'Brien's** textually ambiguous novel to the stage for the first time. One of the few theatre companies in Ireland to establish a full-time ensemble, **Blue Raincoat** make a welcome return to the Everyman Palace Theatre after last years excellent production of Eugene Ionesco's ***The Bald Soprano***. Writer and dramaturg **Jocelyn Clarke** was the Commissioning and Literary Manager at the Abbey Theatre for four years, and lead theatre critic with The Sunday Tribune for nine years. **Blue Raincoat** has collaborated with Jocelyn on many projects including ***Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*** and ***Through the Looking Glass***.

The Third Policeman is directed by **Niall Henry**, with design by **Jamie Vartan**, lighting by **Michael Cummins** and sound by **Joe Hunt**. The cast features **John Carty, Patrick Curley, Kellie Hughes, Ciarán McCauley, Fiona McGeown** and **Sandra O'Malley**. ***The Third Policeman*** runs from **Monday 19th – Thursday 22nd May at 8pm**. Tickets €25 / €20 / €7 Students on Monday nights performance. Booking on www.everymanpalace.com or 021 4501673

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