

GÚNA NUA & CIVIC THEATRE

PRESENT

TROUSERS

By Paul Meade & David Parnell

DIRECTED by Paul Meade
SET DESIGN by Laura Howe
LIGHTING DESIGN by Mark Galione

STARRING
Enda Kilroy
Gerry McCann

'slick and amusing'
The Irish Times

'a comic gem'
Irish Independent

'It gets quite tiresome writing that Gúna Nua have done it again; but they have.'
'stunning timing by Murphy and McCann... inventive design by Laura Howe...'
Sunday Independent

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Back to the Irish stage by huge public demand and after their U.S. success Off Broadway, New York, the creators of *Scenes from a Water Cooler* and *Thesis*, Gúna Nua Theatre restage their superb comedy about friendship, loyalty, expanding waistlines, bad haircuts and 80's male pop duos.

Dermot, a single man in his thirties, lives a quiet life alone working as a postman by day and dreaming of being a world famous DJ by night. Suddenly his peaceful and ordered existence is shattered by the arrival of his old friend Mick. Mick has been kicked out by his girlfriend and needs a place to stay. He brings with him a bag of unwashed clothes, very little money and a business plan.

As the men begin living together again by unforeseen circumstances, memories are evoked of the last time they shared accommodation for a summer in Manhattan, when both worked in a restaurant to earn their college fees and sang male duets together to impress girls. The story switches between the present and the past, as both guys try to sort out each other's messy lives.

Trousers explores the meaning of life, friendships surviving tough times, the need for love and the healing properties of herbal tea. This is a comedy for men who like yoga and beer, and women who wonder what makes them tick. **Trousers** promises to be a touching, fun and witty night at the theatre.

This project is supported by 'The Touring Experiment', an initiative set up by the Arts Council. It is a two-year action research project, which is designed to inform and shape future policy for touring theatre in the Republic of Ireland.

George Patton once said, "Success is how high you bounce when you hit rock bottom." Meade and Parnell's production of Trousers shows us that with a friendship like Mick and Dermot's, you will always have a springboard waiting.

TOUR LISTINGS INFORMATION

Backstage Theatre, Longford

March 29 - 30 | 8.00pm

Box Office – 043 47 888 | www.backstage.ie

Siamsa Tire Theatre, Tralee

April 3 - 7 | 8.00pm

Box Office – 066 712 3055 | www.siamsatire.com

Dunamais Arts Centre, Portlaoise

April 13 & 14 | 8.00pm

Box Office – 057 866 33 55 | www.dunamais.ie

Garter Lane Arts Centre

April 19 – 21 | 8.00pm

Box Office – 051 855 038 | www.garterlane.ie

Garage Theatre, Monaghan

April 24 – 26 | 8.00pm

Box Office – 047 815 97 | www.garagetheatre.com

Pavilion Theatre, Dún Laoghaire

May 2 - 5 | 8.00pm

Box Office – 01 231 2929 | www.paviliontheatre.ie

Town Hall Theatre, Galway

May 8 - 12 | 8.00pm

Box Office – 091 569 777 | www.townhalltheatregalway.com