

Press Release August 2006

Breaking the Pope



“Controversial and compelling” **The Event**

Breaking the Pope is an unnerving new play that details the plight of three young women sent to the Magdalene Laundries in Ireland. Discover the horrifying ordeals they suffered at the hands of the nuns there and find new hope among their endurance.

Exploring one of the most controversial episodes in the history of Catholicism, this world premiere defies expectation and asks the questions that few others dare.

Imagine if everything you ever believed in turned out to embody your darkest fear. Find out what happens when hope is lost and redemption takes the form of a prison, as we follow the lives of the women sent to the laundries and discover what truly happened.

Meet Claire, a vibrant, sexy, independent young woman, violently interrupted in the prime of her life. See Grace, innocent, naïve, systematically destroyed by the church's attempts to silence her. Hear Josephine joyfully reminisce about her upbringing, until the memories get steadily torn to shreds.

'Breaking The Pope' attempts to demonstrate the grim reality that lies behind the darkest hour of the Catholic Church. The piece demands answers and questions the existence of God in a church that practises the most grievous of sins against its very own congregation. Following a sell out run at the University of East Anglia, this new writing promises to disturb and leave you questioning the world around you. Ever wondered what happens when God's not looking? Come join us and find out.

Edinburgh Listings Information:

3rd-19th August at 13.25
Smirnoff Baby Belly 3,
Underbelly,
Edinburgh.

TICKET PRICES:

£4 Previews (3rd and 4th Aug)
£7.50 (£6.50) Weekdays (Mon to Thurs)
£8.50 (£7.50) Weekends (Fri to Sun)

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