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**SANDRA'S STORY COMES TO THE FRINGE FOLLOWING  
SUCCESSFUL SCOTTISH DEBUT**

Writer, actress and children's rights campaigner Sandra Brown takes to the stage again following the successful Scottish debut of her play 'One of Our Ain'.

Telling the story of growing up in a small community profoundly affected by the disappearance of a young girl called Moira Anderson; this searing personal testimony reveals Sandra's pain of confronting her own father's behaviour and is the remarkable account of her quest to unravel the mystery and see justice done.

The unique style play originated from a concept by Australian artist Pamela Neil of using public expression to explore issues which are difficult and complex. The play originally premiered in June 2005 at the Soho Theatre in London, but has been developed considerably in recent months following the death of Sandra's father, whom she remains convinced was guilty of murdering 11 year old Moira.

After attracting a record crowd of over 600 people at Airdrie Arts Centre for the play's Scottish premiere, followed by equal numbers at Oran Mor in Glasgow in February 2006, the current Evening Times Scotswoman of the Year now brings her show to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

Sandra said: "I was overwhelmed by the response to the play in Airdrie and Glasgow and I am delighted to have secured a spot at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. I feel that it is important that issues such as child abuse are discussed openly when all too often it is swept under the carpet.

"With the play 'One of Our Ain' I am continually striving to reach new audiences and the Fringe will provide a platform to reach people from across the world. I hope that my experiences will help others who have had to cope with similar situations no matter where that might be. It is also very important to me that Moira is never forgotten."

The Underbelly will play host to Sandra who will recount her amazing story as featured in her book, 'Where the is Evil' (Pan Macmillan £6.99), which was also the subject of a Channel 4 Cutting Edge documentary, 'Missing, Presumed Murdered'.

Sandra performances of 'One of Our Ain' to date have raised over £3000 for The Moira Anderson Foundation, which she set up five years ago with the proceeds of her book to help people affected by child abuse. The charity has supported more than 500 families, enabling them to take their cases to court and its safe house has been used by 26 families in the last year.

**Show Times**

**Times: 7.05pm**

**Dates: 6<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> August 2006**

**Duration: One hour**

**Venue: White Belly at Underbelly Theatre, 56 Cowgate, Edinburgh**

**Box Office: 0870 745 3083**

**Tickets cost: £7.50 - £9.50**

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**Notes to editor:**

Sandra Brown is an arts graduate with over 30 years experience in education and training. A former depute head teacher, she is a strong campaigner of children's rights, and set up The Moira Anderson Foundation in 2000 from proceeds of her bestselling book 'Where there is Evil' (Pan Macmillan). Her account of Moira's disappearance in Scotland in 1957 was the subject of a Channel 4 Cutting Edge documentary 'Missing, Presumed Murdered'. She was awarded Scotswoman of the Year 2005 by the Glasgow Evening Times for her work with the charity.