MEDIA RELEASE

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Patio Voices

"Patio Voices" is a One Man Show performed by Brian Loughnane, who hails from Dublin, Ireland. The Australian premiere will be staged in LongPlay, North Fitzroy. Only visible in the eyes of his friends and family, gathered on the surprisingly festive anniversary of his mother's death, Gareth's predicament is presented through a series of humerous and heartrending monologues, concluding with distressed reflection on a jolting act of violence.

The show has been extensively workshopped in Ireland over the past year, and Loughnane is excited by both the prospect of bringing it to Australia and the challenge of entertaining a Fringe Festival audience. "I feel very close to these characters and the play as a whole, and in hiring an Australian director and performing in Melbourne, my hope is that the piece can have some resonance cross-culturally," he enthuses.

The actor decided to tackle a One Man Show, a genre he respects enormously, in an entirely unique way. "Throughout the piece, the central character never physically appears. The hope is that the audience can be stimulated into visualising the protagonist as someone they may know, or at least someone they are compelled to empathise with. His history and his personality are revealed through a series of monologues and flashbacks, filtered through the prejudices and convictions of his closest companions, who tease out his inner torment in a manner that results in quite an extreme, undesired and unforeseen act of aggression."

"Patio Voices" runs for seven performances only.

"Loughnane left everything on stage. It was a real pleasure to oversee the development of a powerful piece of theatre." - Declan Donnelly, director (2011)

Patio Voices
VENUE
Long Play
318 St Georges Rd
North Fitzroy, VIC 3068

DATES: 26-27 and 29-30 Sept, 1-3 Oct
TIME: 9.00pm (75mins)

TICKETS
Full: $15
Concession: $12
Tightarse Tuesday: $10
Group: $10
TO BOOK visit melbournefringe.com.au or call (03) 9660 9666