

THE BURLINGTON®

Peacock Theatre

Delirium

Tuesday 30 September – Saturday 25 October

An adaptation of **The Brothers Karamazov**

CREATED BY THEATRE O, WRITTEN BY ENDA WALSH

IRISH PREMIERE

"If there is no God, everything is permitted..."

The Abbey Theatre is delighted to present this daring adaptation of Dostoevsky's classic tale of family rivalries, created by renowned Irish playwright Enda Walsh (*Disco Pigs*, *Bedbound*, *The Walworth Farce*) and the award-winning theatre O.

The Karamazovs are a train wreck waiting to happen. A hated father and his sons battle it out over women, money and God. Uncompromising and on the edge, they don't so much live as burn up.

Hilarious, brutal and tragic, **Delirium** demands you sit up and take notice. Questions of faith and fundamentalism play out against unrequited love and a lust for life in a world that's losing its moral and ethical boundaries

Times:
8.00pm

Matinee
2.30pm

Price:
22

Lay Me Down Softly

By Billy Roche

Wednesday 19 November Saturday 13 December

WORLD PREMIERE

Step right up ladies and gentlemen and savour this heartfelt new play from Wexford playwright Billy Roche.

Set in the early 60s, **Lay Me Down Softly** takes us into the burlesque world of the carnival and the boxing hall of Delaney's Traveling Roadshow with its intriguing cast of characters. There's the charismatic but dangerous Theo, the owner-cum-ringmaster; the gentle old prize-fighter Peadar, his worn out sidekick; the ferocious Dean and handsome Junior.

With one old field after another, life on the road is tough. Just ask Lily, Theo's scornful lover. When young Emer shows up, however, everything changes...

Like his other plays (including *On Such As We*, *The Cavalcadors*, *Poor Beast In The Rain*) in **Lay Me Down Softly**, Roche takes us back to a forgotten world and looks afresh at the familiar themes of love, loss and pain. He finds myth in the mundane and beauty in our all too human foibles.

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La Dispute

Wednesday 14 January – Saturday 7 February

By Pierre Marivaux

Translated by Neil Bartlett

ABBEY PREMIERE

You are invited to an experiment...

Four orphans (2 boys and 2 girls) have been raised in isolation, from the world and from each other.

How will they respond to their first loves and lusts? And to their first lies?

An aristocrat releases four human guinea pigs into a sinister 'Garden of Eden' to consider the age old question: who is more faithful in love, man or woman?

Watch temptation, jealousy and revenge strike as they struggle to triumph in love.

La Dispute is a glittering journey into the dark but prophetically modern imagination of Marivaux, the man who carried French comedy into the eighteenth century.

Wayne Jordan makes his Abbey debut directing

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