

## Theatre West Turns Inside Out

19 September to 25 November 2006

What do you get if you give the same brief to 40 different writers? Well, Theatre West have given it a try and the results are incredibly diverse. Taking the theme 'Inside Out' as their starting point the 40, mostly local, local writers went in many directions - from the future to the past, the solitary inner life to the complexities of relationships, from the darkness of kidnap and torture to the shiny brightness of rhinestone studded boots. It was a fantastic display of imagination and talent and the task of choosing nine of these ideas to develop into scripts was not an easy one. An even greater challenge was to come - selecting four of these to be included in the ten week season, but it's done and, along with 'The Voice that Keeps Silent' which was commissioned from David Carter and is another co-production with Chrysalis Theatre, these four plays make up a season full of contrast and bursting with ideas.

This year, for the first time Theatre West has formed a small repertory company - six actors will between them perform all five plays in the season. Exhausting for the actors, but fascinating to see how one person will tackle several very different roles.

As a bonus we're also presenting rehearsed readings of the ones that got away! A chance to see the five plays that narrowly missed being included in the season in a 'script in hand' performance. Actors will work on the script with a director for half a day, culminating in a public reading in the Alma theatre. No fixed price but a bucket will be passed around at the end of the performance.

2006 has been a busy year for Theatre West having toured Latvia with Mike Akers' Little Pictures and jointly produced David Carter's Viral Sutra at Bristol Old Vic Studio and The Finborough Theatre in London. And it's not over yet! Ten weeks of the most exciting new writing in the south west can be seen at The Alma this autumn. All productions start at 8.30 and are around an hour long, so there's plenty of time for a drink or meal.

19 - 30 Sept **The Inhabitants of the Moon are Noses** by Steve Hennessy  
3 - 14 Oct **The Keith Ashton Experience** by Mark Breckon  
17 - 28 Oct **Eggshell Blues** by Sarah Curwen  
31 Oct - 11 Nov **Salt'n'Sauce** by Tim Massey  
14 - 25 Nov **The Voice that Keeps Silent** by David Carter

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**Tickets:** £6/£5 concessions

**Performances:**  
Tues - Sat 8.30pm

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