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Third Angel presents

## **PRESUMPTION**

Devised by Alexander Kelly, Chris Thorpe & Rachael Walton  
Directed and designed by Alexander Kelly and Rachael Walton

**17 November – 6 December 2008**

**PRESS NIGHT: TUESDAY, 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2008 AT 7.30PM**

The consistently excellent and innovative Third Angel makes its first visit to Southwark Playhouse with PRESUMPTION, a show about love. Not romantic, thrill of passion love, or unconditional, unquestioned love. Everyday, what shall we have for dinner, will you be in later, expecting to go on living together - well what else would we do? - love.

The show opens with a bare stage and a couple whose history is unknown to us. Slowly the performers build the set and the audience build a picture of their lives.

Tom and Beth are the generic thirty-something couple of our time: two people who have been gradually talking less and slowly wanting more. They've been building a life together for the past seven years, buying lots of stuff, sharing friends and acquiring memories. They haven't really had time to wonder if this is what they wanted. They just get on with things. Questions asked, answers not listened to.

PRESUMPTION was developed from BEST LAID PLANS, a work in progress originally seen as part of Sheffield Theatres' Pyramid Festival in May 2005. The show had its premiere at Sheffield Theatres in May 2006.

PRESUMPTION is directed and designed by Rachael Walton and Alexander Kelly, artistic directors of Third Angel. They formed the company in 1995 and have been devising and producing innovative and acclaimed theatre, films, projects and installations ever since, touring nationally and internationally. They devised and wrote the piece with Chris Thorpe, who also performs in the piece. This represents a new collaboration for the company. The creative team includes lighting designer, James Harrison; David Mitchell designed music and sound and set construction is by Vision Works.

The cast is Chris Thorpe and Lucy Ellinson. Lucy is a member of Mapping4d Theatre (winners of the Oxford Samuel Beckett Theatre Trust Award 2004). Recent appearances include her solo show LUCY ELLINSON'S POST MORTEM and the national tour of TANGLE with Unlimited Theatre. Chris Thorpe is best known to audiences as a founder member of Unlimited Theatre. He has written for many theatres including the National Theatre and West Yorkshire Playhouse, has had work performed on BBC Radio 4 and translates new work, particularly from the Balkans.

**For further information, images or tickets to review contact  
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## **Listings Information**

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

**OUR BOX OFFICE NUMBER HAS NOW CHANGED TO 020 7407 0234**

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### **PRESUMPTION**

Southwark Playhouse  
Shipwright Yard  
(Corner of Bermondsey Street and Tooley Street)  
London SE1 2TF

### **NEAREST TUBE: LONDON BRIDGE (NOT BOROUGH)**

### **Performances**

17 November to 6 December 2008  
Tuesday to Saturday

Performances start at 7.30pm sharp

### **Box Office**

#### **Online**

[www.southwarkplayhouse.co.uk](http://www.southwarkplayhouse.co.uk)  
24 HOURS

#### **By Telephone (New No.)**

020 7407 0234  
Mon-Fri 10.30-18.30

#### **In Person**

The ticket office at Southwark Playhouse is open from 6.30pm Mon to Saturday.

#### **Ticket Prices**

£8, £13, £20

'Airline Style' Pricing

The earlier you book the cheaper the tickets!

#### **Concessions**

Disabled people can bring one companion free of charge  
There are no other concessions