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Southwark Playhouse Spring Season 2009

Southwark Playhouse announces its exciting Spring season which will launch on Monday, 12th January 2009. This season Southwark Playhouse presents shows, both homegrown and from around the country, that tackle the enduring themes of Love and War. Each of the plays in their own way ask us how far we're prepared to go to save the things we love. Public booking for the season opens on Monday, 8th December 2009.

We open with **Love in (3) Parts**, a sell-out success at this year's Edinburgh Festival. Lost Dog Theatre invite you to delve into the jaunty world of Claire and Paul as they try to progress from first date to last love. *Love in (3) Parts* promises to be the gentlest of touches on your senses.

Following our opening show, this year's winner of the Better Bankside Award, Jonathan Man, will direct our annual Shakespeare production. Shakespeare's most magical play, **A Midsummer Night's Dream**, will be reimagined in Samurai Japan, bringing the mysticism of the East to our atmospheric cellars beneath London Bridge Station.

In March, we welcome a company from the Scottish Highlands. Wildbird will be presenting **Fall of the Peacock Throne by Chris Lee**, the story of the 1953 CIA led coup in Iran, a major cause of the so-called war on terror, when fledging Iranian democracy was destroyed in favour of British oil interests and US cold war strategy.

To wrap up, recently formed company Brother Tongue will present **About Tommy by Thor Bjorn Krebs**. *About Tommy* tells the absurd and tragic story of a young soldier trying to preserve his humanity against all the odds. Based on real accounts of the recent war in the former Yugoslavia, it is a wonderfully irreverent exploration of how far we will go to make peace – when everyone else is determined to do the opposite.

Throughout the spring Southwark Playhouse will be presenting some fantastic one-off events including **Nabakov's Present:Tense**, comedy nights and **Southwark Playhouse Secrets**. Visit our website for a comprehensive schedule.

For further details please contact Chris Smyrnios on 020 7407 0234 or chris.smyrnios@southwarkplayhouse.co.uk

Spring Season 2009 Theatre Diary

12 - 31 January

Lost Dog Theatre presents

Love in (3) Parts

Devised by the Company

Music by James Dey

Press Night: Thursday, 15th January 2009 at 7.30pm

4 - 28 February

Southwark Playhouse presents

A Midsummer Night's Dream

by William Shakespeare

Director: Jonathan Man; Designer: Wai-Yin Kwok

Press Performances: Friday, 6th February 2009 at 2pm or 7.30pm

5 - 28 March

Wildbird presents

Fall of the Peacock Throne

By Chris Lee

Director: Chris Lee; Multimedia: Graeme Roger

Press Night: Friday, 6th March 2009 at 7.30pm

31 March - 25 April

Brother Tongue presents

About Tommy

by Thor Bjørn Krebs

Director: Elly Green; Designer: Signe Beckmann

Press Night: Friday, 3rd April 2009 at 7.30pm

Listings Information

Box Office

Public Booking opens on Monday 8th December

Phone (new no.)

020 7407 0234

(10.30 – 18.30 Mon-Fri)

In person

On performance days from 1 hour before the show begins.

Online

www.southwarkplayhouse.co.uk

Tickets

£8/£13/£18 – first come first served

Southwark Playhouse is a registered charity no. 1042870