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## **PRESS RELEASE - 16th January 2009**

Wildbird presents  
the World Premiere of

# **Fall of the Peacock Throne** **by Chris Lee**

Directed by Chris Lee, Multimedia by Graeme Roger  
Sound design by Dave Martin, Lighting design by Ali Ross

**5 TO 28 MARCH 2009**

**PRESS PERFORMANCE: FRIDAY, 6 MARCH 2009 at 7.30pm**

Innovative new Highland theatre company, and National Theatre of Scotland collaborators, **Wildbird**, presents the world premiere of *Fall of the Peacock Throne*.

Raymond Chandler meets Greek tragedy as Wildbird chart the story of the 1953 Iranian coup alongside that of Alexander's invasion of Persia in 333BC.

Coinciding with the 30th anniversary of Iran's Islamic revolution *Fall of the Peacock Throne* depicts the moment when fledgling Iranian democracy was strangled at birth in favour of British oil interests and US cold war strategy. This is one of the biggest skeletons in the western closet and the root cause of the so-called 'war on terror', a defining event that lies at the heart of western fear of the Islamic world.

Intimate in its design and execution, but epic in reach, *Fall of the Peacock Throne* tackles issues of conscience, empire, freedom, and power. This is a story everyone should know, whose timeless echoes thunder in our ears, demanding to be heard.

**Wildbird** are a new contemporary performance and multi arts company from Moray in the north east of Scotland. The artistic team was originally brought together to work on National Theatre of Scotland's *Crucible* and *Macbeth* projects and formed Wildbird in 2006. Wildbird set out to make work that is epic, political and truly theatrical, tackling difficult and important subjects. *Fall of the Peacock Throne* is their second full length theatre production.

**For press information or reviewing tickets please contact:**  
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# LISTINGS INFORMATION

## **Producer**

Wildbird

## **Production**

Fall of the Peacock Throne  
by Chris Lee

## **Venue**

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

## **NEAREST TUBE: LONDON BRIDGE**

## **Performances**

5 to 28 March 2009  
Monday to Saturday  
Evening performances start at 7.30pm sharp

14 & 21 March 2009  
Saturday Matinee performances start at 3pm 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 1 hour before the beginning of each performance.

### **Ticket Prices**

£8, £13, £18  
'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