

MEDIA RELEASE

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A journey through love in words and music

“skin tingling” “unforgettable” “nothing short of sensational”

Paper Zoo Theatre Company presents **Valentine** for one week only during the Edinburgh Fringe 2008. The Company will perform this unique cabaret-style production in the St Augustine’s Studio from 19 – 25 August.

Julia O’Keeffe directs **Valentine**, a production devised by former Bradford College students and staff. Paper Zoo Theatre Company comprises of nine members; four tutors from the college, four graduates and a company manager. Having performed a showcase, *Road* by Jim Cartwright and the self-named devised piece – *Paper Zoo* as part of the course, the students chose to continue their enthusiasm for acting and form the Company. The Company includes Stuart Davies, Ben Eagle, Martin Knowles, Laura Milnes, Jonathan O’Connor, Damien O’Keeffe, Julia O’Keeffe, David Peel and Kate Shackleton. Thus far they have performed *A Christmas Carol* (Dec 2005), *Waiting For Godot* (Sept 2006), *Twelfth Night* (Dec 2006), *Funeral Games* (May 2007), *Much Ado About Nothing* (July 2007), *An Evening of Joe Orton* (Sep 2007), a touring production of *A Christmas Carol* (Nov 2007 – Jan 2008), *Valentines* on St Valentines Day 2008 and the company have recently completed a tour of George Orwell’s *Animal Farm*.

This exciting and ultimately romantic evening will comprise of selected poems, songs and readings combined to form a heady concoction of love. The cast of seven will perform as a group and will also perform solo and in pairs. Selected readings will include works by **Thomas Hardy, YB Yeats, WH Auden, William Shakespeare, Carol Ann Duffy** and **Wendy Cope** amongst others. Songs will include *Hallelujah* by **Leonard Cohen**, *Underneath the Stars* by **Kate Rusby**, *Birds* by **Kate Nash** and *The Saturday Boy* by **Billy Bragg**. The Company also bring their own twist to several well known songs including the **Madness** hit *It Must Be Love* and *Nothing Compares 2 U*, written by **Prince**.

Cast (in alphabetical order):

Stuart Davies
Ben Eagle
Martin Knowles
Damien O’Keeffe
Julia O’Keeffe
David Peel
Emily Thornton
with **Darren Dutson-Bromley** on guitar.



The 70-minute production will be performed at the Augustine’s Studio (Venue 152), 41 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh, EH1 1EL. Tickets are £7 full price and £5 for concessions and can be pre-booked by calling the Fringe box office on 0131 226 0000 . The performance will begin at 9:45pm.

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If music be the food of love, play on