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“If music be the food of love play on...”

**Valentines** A heady concoction of love in words and music...and food.

Paper Zoo Theatre Company presents Valentines for one performance only on St. Valentines Day 2008. The company will perform this cabaret-style production in the newly refurbished Henry Mitchell Hall in the Old Building of Bradford College.

Julia O’Keeffe directs Valentines, 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 at The Priestley (Dec 2005), Waiting For Godot at the Yorkshire Craft Centre (Sept 2006), Twelfth Night at The Priestley (Dec 2006), Funeral Games at Bradford College (May 2007), Much Ado About Nothing at the Bradford Cathedral (July 2007), An Evening of Joe Orton at the Yorkshire Craft Centre and Square Chapel Centre for the Arts, Halifax (Sep 2007) and the recently completed tour of A Christmas Carol (Nov 2007 – Jan 2008).

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 poems by Thomas Hardy, Y.B. Yeats and W.H. Auden amongst others. Songs will include Hallelujah by Leonard Cohen, The Rose and Miss You Nights. The Company also bring their own twist to several well-known songs including the Madness hit It Must Be Love.

The ticket price will also include a tapas buffet, a half bottle of wine and mineral water.

Cast (in alphabetical order):

- Ben Eagle
- Martin Knowles
- Damien O’Keeffe
- Julia O’Keeffe
- David Peel
- Kate Shackleton
- Emily Thornton

The 90-minute production will be performed at the Henry Mitchell Hall, Bradford College Old Building, Great Horton Road, Bradford, BD7 1AY. Tickets are £12 and must be pre-booked by calling 01274 438965. The performance will begin at 7:00pm and will last approximately 90 minutes.

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