

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### DAVID BERTHOLD'S ACCLAIMED PRODUCTION TRANSFERS TO LONDON'S WEST END.

La Boite is thrilled to announce Artistic Director David Berthold's acclaimed original production of Tommy Murphy's award-winning *Holding The Man* will transfer to London's West End in May, starring *Kath and Kim's* Jane Turner.

Tommy Murphy's stage adaptation of the best-selling memoir by Conigrave premiered in 2006 at the Griffin Theatre in Sydney, and played sell-out seasons there and at the Sydney Opera House, Company B Belvoir, Melbourne Theatre Company and Brisbane Powerhouse.

*"This is one of Australia's great love stories, and it's exciting for us all that London audiences will get to share in it. It will be quite exciting for me to direct the show again with a mix of Australian and British actors, including of course the wonderful Jane Turner. It's hard to believe that this will be the show's seventh season. It's a tribute to an amazing story."* – David Berthold

The UK transfer is an exciting coup for La Boite, where Berthold's contemporary reinvention of *Hamlet* opens next week. *Hamlet* is his first production as Artistic Director of La Boite, and features a top-shelf ensemble cast that includes Toby Schmitz, Cocoloco's Trevor Stuart, and Queensland theatre legends Helen Howard and Eugene Gilfedder.

Murphy's new play *Gwen In Purgatory* will premiere at La Boite in October. Neil Armfield will direct the co-production with Company B Belvoir fresh from his Broadway triumph with *Exit The King*, which starred Academy Award winner Geoffrey Rush.

*Holding The Man*, produced by Daniel Sparrow (*All About My Mother*) and Mike Walsh OBE, will have a limited season from 23 April to 3 July 2010 at Trafalgar Studios 1.

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