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BLACK HUMOUR AT ITS BECKETTIAN BEST

Brisbane Powerhouse and Brisbane Festival 2010 present

First Love

The world's leading interpreters of Samuel Beckett's work, **Gare St. Lazare Players**, will visit Brisbane for the very first time from **Tuesday 21 to Saturday 25 September**, bringing their performance of Beckett's early novella, *First Love*, to Brisbane Powerhouse.

Performed by Conor Lovett and directed by Judy Hegarty Lovett, *First Love* contains much of the Nobel-prize-winning Irish writer's distinctive gallows humour and a plot that is widely regarded as a masterpiece of Beckettian perversity.

A young man, a misanthrope who prefers his own company to that of anyone else, has been expelled from his home after the death of his father. Alone, he takes refuge on a bench by a canal. There, he meets a woman – a prostitute as it turns out – who takes pity on him and takes him home, with comically disastrous results.

Gare St. Lazare Players have toured internationally with their critically acclaimed presentations of Beckett's prose works and over the past fourteen years have built a repertory of work that includes over eighteen Beckett titles as well as work by Michael Harding and Conor McPherson.

The company has become synonymous with the work of Samuel Beckett and have performed in over sixty cities worldwide. Having performed in more than twenty-three different Beckett productions worldwide, Conor Lovett has gained a well-deserved reputation as one of the world's foremost Beckett interpreters.

In 2008, Conor Lovett was a Special Judges Award nominee for his Beckett performances with Gare St. Lazare Players and in 2009 he was nominated for Best Actor at the Irish Times Irish Theatre Awards.

Gare St. Lazare Players' elegant work has made Beckett accessible to a whole new audience and earned the company an enviable reputation around the world. Their visit to Brisbane is supported by Culture Ireland, an Irish state initiative for promoting Irish culture worldwide

For more information call 07 3358 8600 or go to brisbanepowerhouse.org

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Date	Tue 21 – Sat 25 Sep
Time	8pm
Venue	Visy Theatre, Brisbane Powerhouse
Tickets	Tue (preview) Full \$25, Concession \$20, Wed – Sun Full \$34, Concession \$26
Bookings	07 3358 8600 or brisbanepowerhouse.org

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