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**Zoology Films (Ireland)** A Fear And Loathing Actor In

**Dublin** 

by Mark McAuley





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A Fear And Loathing Actor In Dublin, by Irish playwright Mark McAuley, has its UK premiere this summer. This is fast-paced, high energy, physical theatre that features Shakespeare monologues re-imagined.

Written in a Beat Generation style, the play follows Vinny over the course of three weeks in Dublin. He manages to land a role in a play and is approached for a TV series, but then starts to spiral into drug use, alcohol and debt.

Featuring relatable soul searching, this thought-provoking and energetic play addresses the challenges faced by artists when confronted with 'normal' life stages, such as becoming a parent, against a backdrop of Ireland's social and economic crises and their impact on the cultural scene. A roller coaster snapshot of the challenges facing Irish artists today.

Mark McAuley plays the struggling Vinny, delivering fast-paced, physical theatre with stream-of-consciousness dialogue. He has been celebrated for his roles in TV shows including Vikings and Into the Badlands, as well as short films Closing Time, Tomorrow and the forthcoming The Break Up.

Accompanying him is **Gary Buckley** as Inner Vinny. His recent roles include TV series Vikings, feature film South and short Bad Choices. Lisa Tyrell's theatre experience includes: The Kill God, Risk, Absolute Beginners, and films Four Kids and It (with Michael Caine), Urban Traffik and TV series Ripper Street.

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Completing the cast is **Fiach Kunz**, whose theatre credits include *Extremities* (New Theatre) and King Lear (The Mill Theatre, Dundrum). Kunz also plays a supporting role in *The Anderson Corporation Will Change Your Life*, with TV work including Game of Thrones, Into The Badlands and Resistance.

**Lee Wilson** (*Running With Dinosaurs, Pork, The Eurydice Project*) is a well-known director of Shakespeare in Canada, and has worked at Stratford and Shaw Festivals. He is currently doing a residency as an Apprentice Artistic Director at the Gate Theatre in Dublin.

'A timely wake-up call to audiences to see the bigger picture if we want creativity and the arts to survive in this increasingly commercial world.' NearFM

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**Listings Information** 

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14-26 Aug 15:45 (1hr05) Dates Time

Ticket prices £9.50-£11.50 / concessions £7.50-£9.50 / under 18s £5.50-£7.50

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