

The Secret Fall of Constance Wilde

by Thomas Kilroy

Director Patrick Mason

Designer Joe Vanek

Lighting Designer Nick Chelton

Movement Director David Bolger

Cast includes: Jane Brennan, Eric Lacey, Laura Macken, Kevin Murphy, Ciara O'Callaghan, Robert O'Mahoney, Andrew Scott, Jonathan Shankey, Jack Walsh

The play is a compelling examination of the relationships between Constance Wilde, her husband Oscar, and his lover Lord Alfred Douglas. In this powerful reconstruction of her life, complex issues of sexual identity, gender roles and the nature of love, are questioned. Where previously, Constance has been portrayed as a background figure, a wife and mother, she takes centre-stage here, not as a victim but as a strong, passionate woman.

The Secret Fall of Constance Wilde shows Constance battling with her own demons, the secrets of her past, until she finally learns that "when one sups with the gods, one must pay the full price of admission".

"a haunting and moving play" The Sunday Times

"a satisfying and moving piece of theatre" Evening Herald



"a spectacular feast for the eyes" The Examiner

PRE-SHOW TALKS | ADMISSION FREE

Playwright **Thomas Kilroy** discusses *Writing Wilde*
Tuesday 12 September, 7pm, Abbey Theatre

ON TOUR

Barbican Centre, London as part of the BITE:00 Festival
Wednesday 27 September until Saturday 7 October
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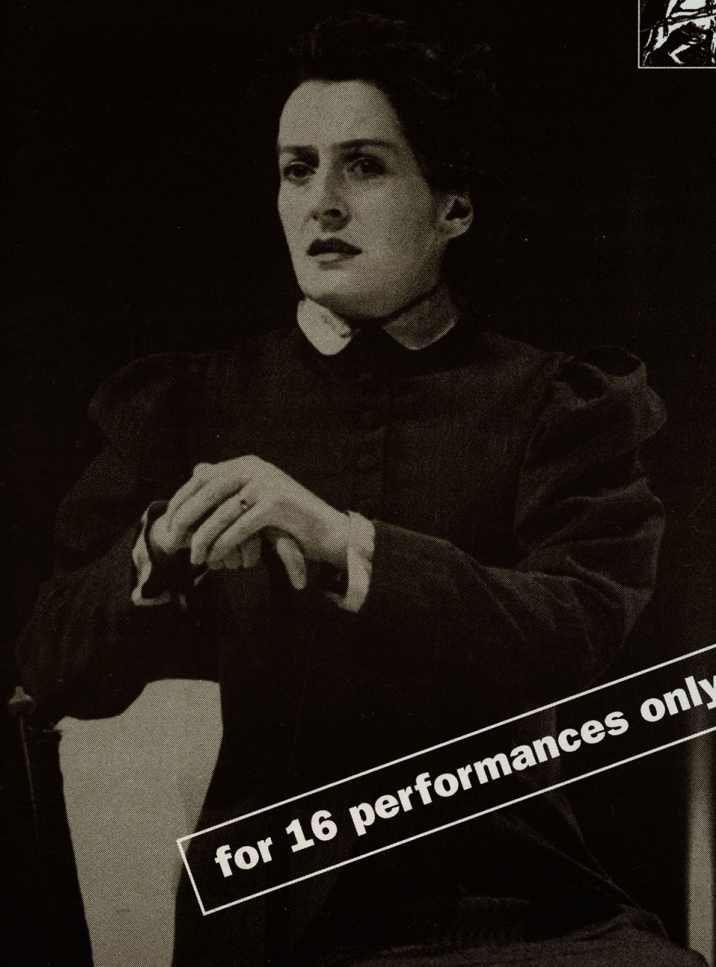
Opens	Wednesday 6 September until Thursday 21 September 2000
Performances	Monday to Saturday 8pm - Saturday Matinees 2.30pm
	Sign Language Interpreted Performance Monday 18 September 8pm
Bookings	01 878 7222  01 456 9569 (subject to booking fee)
Tickets	£10 (€12.70), £14 (€17.78) and £17.50 (€22.22) previews and matinees £10 (€12.70)
Discounts	We offer £5 (€6.35) tickets to students, equity members, the unemployed and Irish Senior Citizens resident in Ireland on presentation of appropriate identification. Discounts are available Monday-Thursday and Saturday matinees for both the Abbey and Peacock Theatres. Discount tickets can be booked over the phone but must be paid for and collected 24 hours in advance with the appropriate I.D.

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