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'low-key, slow-burning, evocative' Irish Times  
'a fine evening's theatre' Sunday Independent  
'a wonderful production' The View

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**Director** Alan Giltsenan  
**Design** Joe Vanek  
**Lighting** Kevin McFadden  
**Cast** Declan Conlon, Tom Hickey, Catherine Walker

'At eighteen I gev meself to a made match. An' that was all right. An' then it wasn't. I tuk a lover. An' shure that was grand. Then I fell in love with a purty man... Love's a fire – and fire's a danger – learn that for yer ABC...'

**What Happened Bridgie Cleary** is a story of love, desire and magic, from the true story of Bridget Cleary who was burned alive for alleged witchcraft in 1895.

In this mesmerising drama Mac Intyre reunites Bridgie in the Afterlife with her husband and her lover, both of whom are haunted by their love for her and their participation in her terrible death. With characteristic zeal he excavates the secret passions, fears and superstitions that drive us and terrify us, 'take care Bridgie, the minit passin' an not returnin...'

Award winning film-maker, writer and director, Alan Giltsenan creates 'a quietly compelling spectacle that is utterly attuned to the modulations of Mac Intyre's language' (Irish Times)

**'\*\*\*\*superb ensemble acting'** The Guardian  
**'Intelligent and powerful'** Sunday Business Post  
**'a piece that Yeats would have been glad to see in his theatre'**  
Irish Times

### TOUR DATES

Wed 8 – Sat 11 June 8pm, Preview Tues 7

**Town Hall Theatre, Galway**

**Tickets: Tues €10; Wed – Sat €16/€12 [conc]** Booking: 091 569 777

Wed 15 & Thurs 16 June 8.30pm

**Backstage Theatre, Longford**

**Tickets: €15/€12.50 [conc]** Booking: 043 47888 or boxoffice@backstage.ie

Fri 17 & Sat 18 June 8.30pm

**Ramor Theatre, Virginia, Co. Cavan**

**Tickets: €15** Booking: 049 8547074

Tues 21 & Wed 22 June 8pm

**Garage Theatre, Monaghan**

**Tickets: €14/€12 [conc]** Booking: 047 81597

Thurs 23rd & Fri 24 June 8pm

**Táin Theatre, Town Hall, Dundalk**

**Tickets: €16/€14** Booking at the Arts Office: 042 939 6437

Tues 28 June – Sat 2 July 8pm

**Mermaid Arts Centre, Bray**

**Tickets: €18/€16 [conc]** Booking: 01 272 4030

Thurs 7 – Sat 9 July 8pm

**An Grianán Theatre, Earagail Arts Festival, Letterkenny**

**Tickets: Thurs €15; Fri & Sat €20/€15 [conc]** Booking: 074 912 0777

