

# Press Release

## WORLD PREMIERE

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**CELTIC KISS PRODUCTIONS**  
presents

### **THE GIFT**

by **Eamon McDonnell**  
Directed by **Dimitry Devdiani**

“Friendship that is implicit knows no sacrifice too great.”

13 October – 8 November 2009

Press Night: Thursday, 15 October at 8.00pm

Tuesday – Saturday 8.00pm, Sundays 4pm

Running time 70 mins (no interval)

Tickets: £12, £10 concessions

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*The Gift* is a hauntingly lyrical one-act drama set around the Irish borderlands, where lonely, widowed farmer Ned works his land, not so much for wealth as to wash away the days.

When Belfast stranger Callum inherits a nearby farm, Ned looks forward to making friends with his new neighbour, only to find the other man is a reticent loner. Recently out of prison, Callum carries a burden of guilt: the terrorist act he committed for a cause in which he no longer believes. But as the drama unfolds, we discover he is not alone in harbouring a dark secret, for Ned has one of his own...

Eamon McDonnell writes original, challenging drama with a broadly humorous streak. Much of his work has been staged or showcased in the UK. His latest offering, ‘Safe House’, was a sell-out success at this year’s Camden Fringe. He also creates original ideas for TV production companies, lectures in screenwriting for London and Goldsmiths Universities, and delivers the Foundation Course in Scriptwriting for Panico Films.

**The cast: Christopher Prior, Phil Philmar, Victoria Johnston, Georgina Bryce**

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