

TALKING BIRDS WITH THE
CENTRE FOR THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK AND THE UCD CENTRE FOR
THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE IN IRELAND, DUBLIN

talking birds

DISORDER {CONTAINED}

A THEATRICAL
EXAMINATION OF
MADNESS, PRISON
AND SOLITARY
CONFINEMENT



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Disorder Contained is the third of a trilogy of historical plays exploring insanity. The piece is once again the result of a creative collaboration between Talking Birds and the Centres for the History of Medicine in England and in Ireland.

This play, set in the mid 19th century, examines the effects on mental health of the Separate System, which strictly prohibited the convict's contact with his fellow prisoners, enforced total silence and compelled him to reflect upon his past misdeeds, repent and reform.

His only form of human contact was with prison staff: warders, school teachers, chaplains and doctors.

Using documents from the time, including prisoners' memoirs, doctors' casebooks, and the reflections of prison staff, *Disorder Contained* combines music, song, wit and compassion to explore the effects of this enduring and harsh system.

All performances can be **CAPTIONED** (subtitled) to audiences' mobile devices using Talking Birds' Difference Engine. If you would like to use this experimental service, please email access@talkingbirds.co.uk for more information.

You can listen to an audio version of this flyer by calling 0800 012 2401 (free in UK, 24 hrs)

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Coventry

Shop Front Theatre

38 City Arcade,
Coventry CV1 3HW
(opposite Argos)

Thu 29 June, 7.30pm

+ post show discussion with artistic team

Fri 30 June, 2.30pm & 7.30pm

Sat 1 July, 2.30pm & 7.30pm

+ expert panel after 7.30 show

Tickets:

Matinees £6 (€3); Evenings £8 (€4)

Box Office:

OxBoffice: 0845 680 1926
bit.ly/DisorderTickets

Dublin

Smock Alley Theatre 1662

6-7 Exchange Street,
Lower Temple Bar, Dublin 8

Wed 12 July, 8pm

+ post show discussion with artistic team

Thu 13 July, 8pm

+ post show expert panel

Fri 14 July, 3pm & 8pm

Tickets:

Matinees €8 (€4); Evenings €10 (€5)

Box Office:

01-6770014
www.smockalley.com

Belfast

The MAC

10 Exchange Street,
Belfast BT1 2LS

Sat 15 July, 7.30pm

+ post show expert panel

Tickets:

£8 (€4)

Box Office:

028 9023 5053

themaclive.com/whats-on

Please note that, due to the subject matter, there are themes and scenes in this play that some people may find distressing.