

PRESS RELEASE

Hoipolloi and the New Wolsey Theatre Ipswich present Hugh Hughes in:

STORY OF A RABBIT

A HUGH HUGHES PERFORMANCE

WORLD PREMIERE

5.30pm, PLEASANCE 2, (COURTYARD), 1-27 AUG

TOTAL THEATRE AWARD WINNERS (EDINBURGH 2006)
The Stage Award for Acting Excellence Nominee (EDINBURGH 2006)

Following his extraordinary Edinburgh '06 hit *Floating* where he enacted the story of his home, the Isle of Anglesey, being swept out to sea, and his partner Sioned put her head in a fish tank up to 107 times a show, emerging artist Hugh Hughes returns after playing off-Broadway and the Barbican Pit to premiere his latest boundary-bending work.

When Hugh finds his neighbour's rabbit lying dead in the garden, he puzzles over what to do with the body and starts to wonder how much of life disappears once we die. Combining Hugh's charming theatricality and music from his best friend Aled, *Story of a Rabbit* lifts the lid on life's final mystery in his unique, original and inimitable style.

Hoipolloi have been stretching people's imaginations with their unique brand of accessible, fun, visual theatre since 1994. After *Floating* packed out their main house in February, the **New Wolsey Theatre, Ipswich** decided to join forces with Hoipolloi in commissioning Hugh's second piece.

Story of a Rabbit has also been selected for **Escalator East to Edinburgh**. Every year Escalator East to Edinburgh helps artists and arts organisations to raise their profile and perform to new audiences as part of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. For information on East to Edinburgh contact Steve Forster at SFP, 01603 661459 (0131 667 0688 Aug 1-28), 07939 221192, steve@sfppr.co.uk

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Further information on the New Wolsey Theatre: www.wolseytheatre.co.uk

Info on Hugh Hughes: www.myspace.com/hugheshugh

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Venue: PLEASANCE 2, PLEASANCE COURTYARD

Time: 5.30pm

Dates: 1-27 AUG, (not 7, 14 or 20)