

Tangram Theatre Company in association with Discovering Latin America presents:

CASA THEATRE FESTIVAL

London's home to Latin American Theatre.

9th-27th September 2008

UNION THEATRE

Press Nights: **Fri 12th Sep** at 7.30pm and 9pm, **Tues 16th Sep** at 7.30pm and 9pm

Following a successful five week inaugural CASA Festival in 2007, Tangram Theatre Company and Discovering Latin America are proud to present **CASA Theatre Festival 2008**, an annual festival of Latin American theatre. Over three weeks, three new plays from **Puerto Rico, Venezuela** and **Ecuador** will be performed at the brilliant Union Theatre, one of London's most atmospheric fringe theatres.

During CASA Festival, two plays will be performed every night from Tuesday to Friday and all three plays will be performed on Saturdays by a repertory ensemble of seven actors.

Barceloneta, at Night by Javierantonio González (Puerto Rico)

WORLD PREMIERE directed by **Arlene Martinez.**

In a small town in Puerto Rico, 90 year old Nazi, Hans, is dying. His servants want him dead but not before they're included in his will. As they wait for a German translator to rollerblade to the rescue, Marlene Dietrich's ghost pops in, the gardener steals statues of the Virgin Mary and the Puerto Rican gay scene explodes into life. A delicious black comedy from one of Puerto Rico's most exciting new theatre talents.

Our Lady in the Clouds by Aristides Vargas/Teatro Malayerba (Ecuador)

UK PREMIERE directed by **Omar Elerian.**

Capturing the true essence of the magical realist tradition, this wonderful play has been incredibly successful throughout Latin America since 1998. Two exiles on the run tell the story of their homeland, Our Lady in the Clouds, a country conceived by incest, brought up on lust and disciplined with terror. The UK premiere is performed in Spanish with surtitles as translated by the eminent Andrew Hurley.

Seven Degrees of Tropical Entropy by Roberto Azuaje (Venezuela)

WORLD PREMIERE directed by **Mike Tweddle.**

A brand new biopic of Dr Humberto Fernandez Moran, Latin America's most important scientist who refused the Nobel Prize because it meant renouncing his Venezuelan nationality. A gifted neuroscientist, on Einstein's advice, Fernandez Moran also became a leading figure in the field of electronic microscopy. An ensemble of 6 actors play over 30 characters in this gripping intelligent play specially commissioned by Tangram for this year's CASA Festival.

Tangram Theatre Company is an award winning theatre company dedicated to developing new work, both in the UK and internationally. Since its inception in 2006, Tangram has produced 7 critically acclaimed plays including:

- Sarah Kane's *4.48 Psychosis* (Old Red Lion, Arcola 2006) 5 star Time Out Critics choice
- *Crunch!* (Edinburgh Fringe, Warsaw, Arts Theatre, 2006-7) Total Theatre Award Nominee
- *Richard III* (Southwark Playhouse 2007) Winner of Better Bankside Shakespeare Award
- *Fucked* (Old Red Lion 2008) 5 star Time Out Critics choice

Discovering Latin America is a UK non-governmental charity, formed in August 2002, composed of 100 volunteers from 20 different countries. Its mission is to share the unique diversity, beauty and potential that Latin American culture offers to the world, whilst donating to the less privileged sectors of the population.

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Listings Information

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9th – 27th September

Union Theatre, 204 Union Street, Southwark, London, SE1 0LX

Nearest tube: Southwark (2mins), Waterloo (5 mins), London Bridge (10 mins)

Box Office: 0207 261 9876

Ticket Prices: 1 show: £10, 2 shows: £15, 3 shows: £20.

Barceloneta:

5.00pm **Sep 20th**

7:30pm **Sep 10th, 13th, 16th, 19th, 25th**

9.00pm **Sep 9th, 12th, 18th, 24th 27th**

Our Lady in the Clouds:

5.00pm **Sep 13th**

7:30pm **Sep 9th, 12th, 18th, 24th, 27th**

9.00pm **Sep 11th, 17th, 20th, 23rd, 26th**

Seven Degrees of Tropical Entropy:

5.00pm **Sep 27th**

7:30pm **Sep 11th, 17th, 20th, 23rd, 26th**

9:00pm **Sep 10th, 13th, 16th, 19th, 25th**