

Edinburgh Fringe 2003

TIMOTHY HUGHES for Weaver~Hughes Ensemble
in Association with MARTIN SUTHERLAND and JAMES SEABRIGHT
Supported by THE PETER WOLFF THEATRE TRUST
present

ENGLISH JOURNEYS

by Steve Waters

A new version of the debut play by Steve Waters, the acclaimed author of *WORLD MUSIC*, which recently premiered to critical acclaim at Sheffield Crucible (**** *Times & Guardian*).

On the mesmeric open roads of Blair's Britain, Kathy's trying to escape, Peter's lost and Jo's on the run. Trapped in cars, three lives converge. Moving between the past and the present, **ENGLISH JOURNEYS** questions the personal and political decisions that shape our lives.

In 1998, **ENGLISH JOURNEYS** premiered as part of the New Directions season at the Hampstead Theatre—"a first play revealing an exhilaratingly critical voice not heard since the days of Doug Lucie" (*Glasgow Herald*). In 2003, the playwright and Weaver~Hughes began a collaboration to discover what Waters describes as "a new, leaner, more exciting play within". His latest play *WORLD MUSIC* premiered this year in Sheffield, further developing his reputation as a "writer of great versatility and range" (*Daily Telegraph*).

This Edinburgh premiere is being produced by Weaver~Hughes Ensemble, a critically acclaimed London based new writing theatre company, who have worked with some of Britain's most promising new playwrights including Rhiannon Tise (*SOLACE*, *THE SILENT TIME*), Paul Tucker (*UNLUCKY FOR SOME*) and Dominic Francis (*THE SMASHED BLUE HILLS*).

ENGLISH JOURNEYS is being presented in association with producers Martin Sutherland and James Seabright, as part of their Festival Highlights programme of world-class theatre and comedy for Edinburgh Fringe 2003. The production is supported by the Peter Wolff Theatre Trust, a charitable foundation dedicated to the nurturing of the best in new British playwriting.

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Weaver~Hughes Ensemble in association with Martin Sutherland and James Seabright and supported by The Peter Wolff Theatre Trust present

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Written by Steve Waters

Directed by Ben Treacher, Designed by Jens Demant Cole

Cast: Melissa D'Arcy, Graham Elwell and Julia Stubbs

At Pleasance Cavern, 30 July–25 August @ 4.20pm

Previews: 30 July–2 August

Press Night: 3 August

No performances: 5, 12 and 19 August

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