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PRESS RELEASE

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Deryn Du

**Bryn Fon's adaptation of David
Harrower's play 'Blackbird'**
Theatr Bara Caws

Cast: Bryn Fon and Fflur Medi Owen

Director: Sion Humphreys

7.30pm, 4 May 2010



Theatr Bara Caws tour *Deryn Du* to Aberystwyth Arts Centre on Tuesday 4th May, 7.30pm.

Deryn Du is Bryn Fon's adaptation of David Harrower's gritty two hander *Blackbird*. Una and Ray, the principal characters in this unremittingly intense 80 minute one-act play are birds with broken wings, psychologically crippled by an episode that left both their lives in tatters.

She's 27, he's 56 and they've had a brief affair, about 15 years earlier, when he was 40 and she was 12. They haven't seen each other since Ray was sent to prison. Una has endured a lifetime of being "talked about, pointed at, stared at", while Ray had done his time, changed his name, moved to a new city, and rebuilt his life. Now called Peter, he's the manager of a medical-supplies manufacturing firm. Una, who's found him after stumbling across his photo in a trade magazine in her doctor's office, has him cornered in the littered lunchroom of his workplace. But why? To accuse him? Humiliate him? Hurt him? Attack him? Kill him? Or to rekindle the relationship?

"Blackbird dissects paedophilia but also transcends that subject, finding universality in extreme circumstances. Anyone who's ever tried to revisit a failed relationship— a broken love affair, a marriage that ended in bitter divorce, a childhood with abusive parents – will understand the challenge Una and Ray face as they sort through the secrets and self-deceptions, trying to comprehend the past so they can move forward into the light of the dark black night."

Albert Williams – Performing Arts Review

Tickets for this performance are £9 (£8) CC £8.50 (£7.50) and can be booked by contacting the Arts Centre Box Office on 01970 62 32 32 or online at www.aber.ac.uk/artscentre

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