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PRESS RELEASE**

**Canolfan y Celfyddydau
Aberystwyth Arts Centre**

**Llwyth
Sherman Cymru
7.30pm, Saturday 15 May
Post-show discussion**



A provocative new Welsh language production set in Cardiff on a rugby international day comes to Aberystwyth Arts Centre on Saturday 15th May.

Llwyth is the story of four gay friends out on the town on a rugby international day when the *tribes* are out in force. Wales has lost but the quartet is determined to have a night to remember. When a playful and pretty youth joins the party, tensions rise and loyalties are suddenly challenged.

Llwyth is written by Dafydd James, an award winning writer, composer and performer who achieved critical acclaim and won a Total Theatre Award at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe in 2009 for his comedy show *My Name is Sue*, which will transfer to London's Soho Theatre this June as part of a UK tour. Dafydd comments: "This being my first Welsh language play, my experience and notion of being Welsh and part of a Welsh-speaking culture has played a critical role in the work's development. The old Welsh heroic poetry of *Y Gododdin* was a key inspiration as were nights out in Cardiff as a gay man. I wanted to explore what it means to belong to a 'tribe' in modern day Wales; what tribes exist today, what defines them (language, friendship, family, education, generation, sexuality, etc); and what is the nature of the conflict that occurs when these tribes come face to face? This is a story about five gay men, but at the heart of it is an attempt to explore the very idea of Welsh culture."

Dafydd, who is an experienced composer and musician, is also stepping into the role of Musical Director for this production and has had a busy few months working with several different choirs from all over Wales. The play's Director, Arwel Gruffydd says – "We really wanted to engage with the communities we were touring to with the play, so in each town we're working with a local choir who will perform throughout the play. In Aberystwyth we'll be working with Côr ABC."

Llwyth is directed by Sherman Cymru's Associate Director Arwel Gruffydd and stars Simon Watts, Danny Grehan, Paul Morgans, Michael Humphreys and Siôn Young.

Llwyth continues Sherman Cymru's tradition of producing high quality Welsh language theatre.

This production contains strong language and scenes which may be unsuitable for children. Tickets for this performance are £9 (£8) Card Card £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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