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## **Internationally acclaimed drama *Blackbird* playing at TRW**

**Blackbird** is the mesmerising and unforgettable drama of love and betrayal by Scottish playwright David Harrower, recently directed by Cate Blanchett when it premiered in Sydney. Two people meet again, fifteen years after the illicit affair that changed their lives forever. But as the story unfolds, the audience gradually becomes aware of a shocking revelation in the nature of their relationship and the bonds that tie them together.

This sensitively crafted production tells the story of a man who is forced to confront his past when an old flame arrives unannounced at his office. Guilt and raw emotions run high as they recollect the events that shaped their lives and the implications of a passionate affair that caused them to be judged by society. They experience love, loathing, tenderness, confusion and acceptance. As tensions rise, together they reflect on the far-reaching consequences of their relationship. The audience is left to question: when is love abuse? And can we ever break free from the shackles of the past?

This compelling and extraordinary piece of theatre challenges our perceptions in an absorbing and explosive tale of love which crosses boundaries. Due to its strong themes and content the play is suitable for adults only.

The play won the prestigious Laurence Olivier Award for best new play and has enjoyed huge box office success in both London's West End and on Broadway. It is brought to the stage at Theatre Royal Winchester in an electrifying and explosive show by Tabs Productions, whose production of *The Graduate* was enthusiastically received earlier this year.

***'Gripping, thrilling....a sensation'* The Sunday Times**

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**Blackbird** is playing at Theatre Royal Winchester on Tues 5–Sat 9 May at 8.00pm. Tickets are £16.00 and £14.00, Concessions £14.00 and £12.00, Friends £13.50 and £11.50. For further information or to book tickets contact the Box Office on 01962 840440 or visit [www.theatreroyalwinchester.co.uk](http://www.theatreroyalwinchester.co.uk)

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