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the absolute première in Ireland of Mario Pirovano

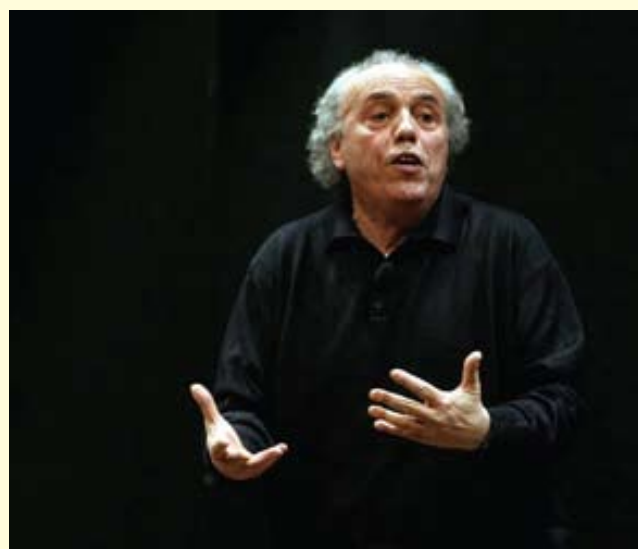
“THE PLEASURE OF DARIO FO’S PERFORMANCE ART”

techniques and exercises for
universal communication

A talk by Mario Pirovano

22nd NOVEMBER 2011 at 7pm

Pavilion Hall
Italian Institute of Culture
11 Fitzwilliam Square East – Dublin 2



FRANCIS THE HOLY JESTER LU SANTO JULLARE FRANCESCO

Written and directed by Dario FO

Performed by Mario Pirovano

23rd NOVEMBER 2011 at 8pm

The Sugar Club
8 Lower Leeson St – Dublin 2

All welcome • Free entrance • In English



MARIO PIROVANO

Photo by Fabio Pirazzi

A journey in the theatre

Since 1983 Mario Pirovano has been involved in productions of all of Dario Fo and Franca Rame's works, in the varying roles of actor, assistant producer, stage director and simultaneous translator. The long years spent as an apprentice and his unique relationship with the Master have made Pirovano not only the most faithful interpreter of the theatre of Dario Fo, but also an impassioned and tireless populariser of the style and language which have made Fo famous throughout the world and earned him the Nobel Prize for Literature.

Mario Pirovano, interested as always in current affairs and problems, brings to the stage the themes of peace and war with Dario Fo's 'Lu Santo Jullare Francesco'.

It presents the famous and powerful speech delivered by Saint Francis in Bologna in 1222 as reconstructed by Fo based on popular tradition, records and personal accounts. The result is not a moralistic sermon but a fascinatingly ironic, poetic and at times sarcastic performance inspired by the jester tradition of the time.

Francis chose to address the audience with a jester-like interpretation of the speech by ironically employing the unique and universally understandable language of the jesters composed of elements of the Lombard, Sicilian, Umbrian and Neapolitan dialects combined with terms taken from Latin, Spanish and Provençal.

Mario Pirovano

Performances in Ireland

MERMAID ARTS CENTRE - BRAY

Main Street

24th November 2011 at 8pm

UNIVERSITY OF ULSTER - DERRY

Magee campus — Londonderry

25th November 2011 at 7pm

FRANCISCAN FRIARY - DUBLIN 8

4 Merchants' Quay

28th November 2011 at 8pm

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK

Ó Riada Hall, Music Building, UCC

29th November 2011 at 7.30pm

ST. FRANCIS CHURCH - CORK

Liberty Street

30th November 2011 at 7.30pm

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