Talking Birds with the Centre for the History of Medicine at the University of Warwick and the UCD Centre for the History of Medicine in Ireland, Dublin

Disorder Contained

A Theatrical Examination of Madness, Prison and Solitary Confinement
Disorder Contained is the third of a trilogy of historical plays exploring insanity. The piece is once again the result of a creative collaboration between Talking Birds and the Centres for the History of Medicine in England and in Ireland.

This play, set in the mid 19th century, examines the effects on mental health of the Separate System, which strictly prohibited the convict’s contact with his fellow prisoners, enforced total silence and compelled him to reflect upon his past misdeeds, repent and reform.

His only form of human contact was with prison staff: warders, school teachers, chaplains and doctors.

Using documents from the time, including prisoners’ memoirs, doctors’ casebooks, and the reflections of prison staff, Disorder Contained combines music, song, wit and compassion to explore the effects of this enduring and harsh system.

All performances can be Captioned (subtitled) to audiences’ mobile devices using Talking Birds’ Difference Engine. If you would like to use this experimental service, please email access@talkingbirds.co.uk for more information.

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**Coventry**
Shop Front Theatre
38 City Arcade,
Coventry CV1 3HW
(opposite Argos)

**Thu 29 June, 7.30pm**
+ post show discussion with artistic team

**Fri 30 June, 2.30pm & 7.30pm**

**Sat 1 July, 2.30pm & 7.30pm**
+ expert panel after 7.30 show

**Tickets:**
Matinees £6 (£3); Evenings £8 (£4)

**Box Office:**
0XBoffice: 0845 680 1926
bit.ly/DisorderTickets

**Dublin**
Smock Alley Theatre 1662
6-7 Exchange Street,
Lower Temple Bar, Dublin 8

**Wed 12 July, 8pm**
+ post show discussion with artistic team

**Thu 13 July, 8pm**
+ post show expert panel

**Fri 14 July, 3pm & 8pm**

**Tickets:**
Matinees €8 (£4); Evenings €10 (£5)

**Box Office:** 01-6770014
www.smockalley.com

**Belfast**
The MAC
10 Exchange Street,
Belfast BT1 2LS

**Sat 15 July, 7.30pm**
+ post show expert panel

**Tickets:**
£8 (£4)

**Box Office:** 028 9023 5053
themaclive.com/whats-on

Please note that, due to the subject matter, there are themes and scenes in this play that some people may find distressing.