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A collection of nine very different short plays by three remarkable generations of Scottish writers, selected and introduced by Philip Howard, Artistic Director of the Traverse Theatre, Edinburgh, from 1996-2007. Mostly with casts of two or three, these plays are especially well suited to performance in studio theatres and at festivals.

- *Snuff* by Davey Anderson
- *The Price of a Fish Supper* by Catherine Czerkawska
- *Better Days Better Knights* by Stanley Eveling
- *Ramallah* by David Grieg
- *54% Acrylic* by David Harrower
- *Harm* by Douglas Maxwell
- *The Basement Flat* by Rona Munro
- *Distracted* by Morna Pearson
- *The Importance of Being Alfred* by Louise Welsh

Snuff

Back from Iraq, Billy is in no mood for games. But Kevin is not just playing...

Anderson wrote and directed *Snuff* as part of the Traverse Theatre Edinburgh's 2005 Festival programme, for which he won the Arches Award for Stage Directors.

The Price of a Fish Supper

Rab's fortunes have declined along with the fishing industry in which he has worked all his life, but now he eyes a glimpse of hope.

Better Days Better Knights

A sweet-hearted tale of a washed-up knight-of-old, from the grandfather of modern Scottish playwriting.

Ramallah

A writer returning home from Palestine to his wife is gently challenged as to where exactly his priorities lie. 'I wrote the piece after a number of trips to Palestine working with young playwrights,' explains Grieg. 'It tries to capture the awkwardness of return, because the people at home have carried on and are sort of grounded, while you're kind of still in the air.'

54% Acrylic

When a young woman shoplifts for the first time, the store detective decides to give chase, but just how far is he prepared to go?

Harm

A father and son wait in a new 'self-harming unit'. As the clock ticks by, the father begins to pour out his guilt, anger and concern to his son.

The Basement Flat

Fiona and Stephen's tenant has become their landlord and their daughter has taken to living in the overgrown

garden, which is creeping into the house as temperatures rise...

Distracted

Avid insect-collector Jamie Purdy and his disintegrating granny are new to the Morayshire caravan park where George-Michael Skinner and his young mother Bunny lives. But this is no ordinary mother and son relationship.

A darkly surreal and richly comic play from Morna Pearson, former member of the Traverse Theatre's Young Writers Group.

The Importance of Being Alfred

Twenty-three years after his affair with Wilde, Lord Alfred Douglas enters a conspiracy with a prominent homophobe...

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