



IRISH ACTOR MIKEL MURFI BRINGS “THE MAN IN THE WOMAN’S SHOES” TO ARTS ON THE LAKE

Irish actor Mikel Murfi is bringing “The Man in the Woman’s Shoes” to Arts on the Lake, 640 Route 52, Kent Lakes, NY, for one performance on Saturday, March 5, at 8 pm.

Originally developed at the Hawk’s Well Theatre in Sligo County, Ireland, “The Man in the Woman’s Shoes” went on to win the Stewart Parker BBC Drama Award in 2013 and was nominated for the Best New Play in the Irish Times Theatre Awards in 2014. When it played at the Irish Arts Center in New York City last March, it became a NY Times Critic’s Pick.

Created by interviewing people in rural Ireland, “The Man in the Woman’s Shoes” tells the story of cobbler Pat Farnon as he goes the 5-mile journey into town to deliver a new pair of shoes to Kitsy Rainey, a “screeching tyrant of a woman.”

Murfi, who has appeared in the films “Ella Enchanted,” “The Commitments,” “Intermission” and most recently “Jimmy’s Hall” directed by Ken Loach, has just starred opposite Cillian Murphy and Stephen Rea in Enda Walsh’s “Ballyturk,” which played to sold-out houses in Galway, Dublin and the National Theatre in London.

“In the same way we brought in Houses on the Moon Theatre Company last April,” said Theatre Program Director at AotL James Shearwood, “we are bringing in Mr. Murfi this year. We can have guest performers when the funding can be worked out.”

In this case, the Arts Center is receiving support from the Putnam Arts Council’s Arts Link Grant Program, which is supported with public funds through the NYS Council on the Arts, and NYC’s Irish Arts Center, which is additionally supported by NYSCA, NYCulture and Culture Ireland.

General admission tickets at \$15 are available at www.artsonthelake.org or by calling (845) 228-2685. There are discounts for AotL members, and membership is available at all times.

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