

PSYCHO- DRAMA

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Offie-nominated revenge tale brings *Peep Show*'s Emily Bruni to Edinburgh

Traverse Theatre, 10 Cambridge Street, Edinburgh, EH1 2ED

Thursday 4th - Sunday 28th August 2022 (not 8th, 15th, 22nd)

Press Performance: Friday 5th August 2022

Emily Bruni (*Peep Show*) comes to the Traverse this summer in Off West End Award-nominated *Psychodrama*, following a sell-out run as a pop-up in London last year. This gripping, at times hilarious, revenge tale follows an actress in her 40s under investigation for the murder of an auteur theatre director. With soundscape from the multi award-winning **Gareth Fry** (*The Encounter*, *Harry Potter and The Cursed Child*), lighting by *Fleabag*'s **Elliot Griggs**, and set against the backdrop of a stage adaptation of Alfred Hitchcock's *Psycho*, Bruni plunges us into the dark heart of show business.

From her initial police interview, through the world of her flat, shop work, auditions, to landing - against all odds - the role of Marion Crane in the director's production of *Psycho*, Bruni's actress confronts obsession, loss and self-worth. *Psychodrama* is filled with smart takes on what it means to be middle-aged and female in an industry captivated by stardust and beauty.

Writer and director **Matt Wilkinson** (*My Eyes Went Dark*, Finborough / Traverse, Edinburgh Festival / 59E59 Theaters New York) comments: *Inspired by an actresses' WhatsApp group and other actors' stories, Psychodrama is a compulsive piece of storytelling that shows us a talented artiste whose only crime is to be the wrong side of forty. It's painful, funny, edge-of-your-seat. An insider's story. And the whole experience is stripped to the bone, fuelled by no more than light, sound and Emily's brilliant performance.*

★★★★★ *Pitch perfect... if this dazzling monologue play and Bruni's star turn are not nominated for any theatre prizes this year, I'll be very surprised.* (Camden New Journal).

★★★★★ *Against a terrific wall of sound devised by Gareth Fry, Emily Bruni gives a powerhouse performance; it's a role to relish which she seizes with everything she has.* (ReviewsGate)

Notes to Editors

Title	<i>Psychodrama</i>
Performance Dates	Thursday 4 th - Sunday 28 th August 2022 (not 8 th , 15 th , 22 nd), variable times
Running Time	60 minutes
Location	Traverse Theatre (Traverse 2), 10 Cambridge Street, Edinburgh, EH1 2ED
Cast	Emily Bruni
Writer/Director	Matt Wilkinson
Set Design	James Turner
Lighting Design	Elliot Griggs
Sound Design	Gareth Fry
Producer	Pádraig Cusack
Box Office	Tickets are available from www.traverse.co.uk . Preview: Full: £17 / Concession: £12 Press + run: Full: £22 / Concession: £17 / Students/U30s: £15 / Unwaged: £5 Concessions include Over 65s, members of Entertainment Unions and people with disabilities
Age Guidance	Ages 14 +
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