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A BOAT TRIP TO NOWHERE in IMPRINT THEATRE COMPANY'S NIGHTS ON THE WATER

Performance schedule: 10th – 13th October 2007. Leaving from the Corn Exchange, Leeds. Performances every half an hour 6.00PM – 11.30PM. Entry is free. Reserve tickets until 4.00PM on 0113 2425242, and at the Corn Exchange stall from 5.30PM each night. LIGHT NIGHT is Friday 12th October.

Leeds, September 2007 – **IMPRINT THEATRE COMPANY** today announced a new project for **LIGHT NIGHT 2007**. And **NIGHTS ON THE WATER** is no ordinary show – it takes place on a barge!

The Archduke Indigo invites audiences to take a trip with his unique floating circus. He sets sail for mystery and adventure on the hidden waterways of Leeds. But what is the deadly secret of George, the Homicidal Hungarian Clown?

This is an intimate and darkly comic evening of ghosts, deceptions and gin. Not everyone is guaranteed to leave alive. Approach the water with caution...

Artistic Director Dick Bonham comments "People keep asking me if we really will be taking people on a boat trip. And the answer is yes! We fell in love with the idea as soon as we thought of it. Lots of people in Leeds don't realise how close they are to the canals. Only eight people can be in the audience at once though – we're doing a lot of performances so we can get everyone through."

After this year's floods, the company will be hoping the rain stays off. "Just as we began making arrangements for to find a barge, the heavens opened," says Chloe Bezer, who will be performing the piece. "So we'll be watching the weather forecast with interest! It certainly made our plans a lot more topical."

The project forms part of the third annual LIGHT NIGHT, organised by LEEDS CITY COUNCIL. At last year's event, IMPRINT saw more than 1000 people visit SMOKE & MIRRORS, a series of three performance installations exploring Leeds' hidden secrets. Images from one of these, at HOLY TRINITY BOAR LANE, were used by the Council as the basis for this year's publicity materials.

LIGHT NIGHT 2007 is an evening of unusual cultural happenings that will allow residents to be tourists, night trippers and sight seers in their own city.

Behind NIGHTS ON THE WATER is IMPRINT THEATRE COMPANY, a new company showcasing Leeds' freshest creative talent. They saw great success at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe in 2004 with its first original theatre piece, LAST IN LINE. *The Scotsman* gave it four stars and said it had "a grip like iron". Their most recent production, SHOW & TELL, was performed at THE CARRIAGEWORKS in February. *The Metro* said it took "equal parts wit, weirdness and intelligence and mixed them into a dark treat".

Next on the agenda for IMPRINT is a re-run of SMOKE & MIRRORS at ST JOHN'S CHURCH. A sell-out success last year, the installation offers an unconventional look at one of Leeds' major historical buildings.

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