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**Tiger's Eye Theatre Company  
(Ireland)  
Play on Words  
by Niall Carmody**



**Quick fire dystopian comedy from young Irish company Tiger's Eye**

Following on from a successful run as part of Smock Alley's Scene and Heard Festival, Dublin. **Play on Words** tells the story of Harper and Collins, two lexicographers held captive by MW, a multinational organisation operating amid a dystopian future.

The two women are tasked with rebuilding a resemblance of the English dictionary using their own unique processes. At intervals, they are given a quota of words to define as well as a parameter of time in which to define them: failure to complete this task will result in death at the hands of MW.

We meet Harper and Collins in their final hours of defining words desperate to save their lives. The audience is introduced to the life they lead and their unique process of defining new words. The audience is also introduced to Gerri: a bucket filled with human remains, constantly present as a reminder to Harper of the potential danger in not following the rules.

**Play on Words** is a fast-paced black comedy that shows how laughter can shine through in the bleakest of times. Combining Orwellian dystopia with comedic farce, **Play on Words** captures the current global atmosphere of oppression and tyranny while simultaneously railing against it: through the antics of Harper and Collins the audience develops empathy for those under the thumb of autocracy.

A play about the power of language, the price of love, and set against the backdrop of a bleak and frightening world, **Play on Words** is nonetheless brimming with laughter, word play, and heart. Written by **Niall Carmody**, Directed by **Shane Hickey-O'Mara**, and starring **Johanna O'Brien** as Harper, and **Eleanor O'Brien** as Collins,

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**Listings Information**

Venue **C royale**, Royal Society of Edinburgh, 22 George Street, EH2 2PQ, venue 6  
Dates 2-28 Aug (not 15)  
Time 21:30 (0h50)  
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