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Hello

**Play reading of *The Wedding*
Wednesday 23 May at 8.00pm**

Scarlet are delighted to invite you to the play reading of *The Wedding* on May 23 at 8.00pm at The Bull, 68 High Street, Barnet EN5 5SJ.

Written by the Cuban writer Virgilio Piñera, *The Wedding Day* is a brilliant absurdist comedy, that was premiered in 1958 and successfully revived in 1997 at the Havana Theatre Festival.

The play tells us about Flora, who for reasons of wounded pride and social embarrassment is forced to call off her wedding on the very night of the nuptials after she overhears her fiancé' Alberto reveal to his friend Luis the closely guarded secret that her bosom is less than firm.

Actress Kate Eaton, out of a desire to bring the work of Piñera to the public outside the Spanish speaking world, has written this new translation as part of her BA in Spanish and Latin American Studies at Birkbeck College. Kate's association with Scarlet began in 1993 when she performed and co- devised *On Air*. She introduced Katarzyna Deszcz to the company who later directed *Princess Sharon*, by the Polish writer, Gombrowicz. Interestingly for Scarlet, Gombrowicz and Piñera became firm friends during Gombrowicz's exile from Poland.

Directed by Gráinne Byrne, *The Wedding* will be read by Kate Eaton along with Helen Anderson from TV's *London's Burning* and other actors associated with Scarlet.

To reserve your ticket (£ 3.00) please call The Bull box office on 020 8449 0048.

We do hope that you will be able to join us on the 23 May.

Best wishes,



Sophie Pridell
General Manager