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Award-Winning Irish Fiddler/Storyteller

Aindrias de Staic

Comes to the US for a three-city tour

Winner – Best Solo Show (New Zealand Fringe Festival)

[New York, NY, 10 November, 2008] – Galway born **Aindrias de Staic**, a celebrated Irish fiddler/storyteller who has been wowing the international festival circuits for the past three years, is set to bring his solo show “**Around the World on 80 Quid**” to our shores for the first time this fall. **This picaresque tale with music will be playing Boston, New York, and San Francisco from November 9 – December 5, 2008 only.** For individual dates and venues, see below, or visit www.paullucasproductions.com.

Following an award-winning run at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, a sell-out run in Melbourne, and red hot reviews in Montreal and Adelaide, Aindriais De Staic is taking on America. Described by critics as a “seductive performer” with “flashes of brilliance”, De Staic received a **2008 award for Best Solo Show at the New Zealand Fringe Festival** for his autobiographical show “Around the World on 80 Quid”.

This musical solo-show recounts the fiddle player’s journey around the world as he wrestles with a drinking problem, endeavoring to steer clear of Irish pubs and mischief. Along the way, he sometimes slips into despair and strife, but he always manages to “fiddle” his way out of trouble. First written as a film script in 2006, the show was initially performed as a literary event, with De Staic reading the stories of his travelogue. Performances in local Irish theatres ensued and in August 2007, “Around the World on 80 Quid.” won the Sweet Award at the world-renowned Edinburgh Festival Fringe.

De Staic chalks the success of his show up to the energy of his performance and the combination of a good story, some Irish charm, and wit, and his unique fiddle-playing style. “The Irish always receive a warm welcome and everyone can relate to a good story, says de Staic. “The piece is very raw, honest and real, and audiences can relate to that, wherever they are in the world.”

Aindrias De Staic (www.aindrias.com) has been described as ‘a captivating yarn-spinner’, but he is also an accomplished musician and actor having won the **Best Actor Award** at the 2006 Geelong Film Festival (Australia) for **Mallarkey** (dir Joe Loh) and the 2007 **The Galway Music Award**. His rich and rare style of fiddle-playing is as unique to the west of Ireland as his storytelling, antics and humor.

“A wild-eyed shock of Celtic unpredictability, the man’s got talent and humor in abundance” *Malcolm Jack, The Scotsman*

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AROUND THE WORLD ON 80 QUID

Additional dates to come. For the more information visit www.aindrias.com

Nov 9, 2008	5:00 pm	The Druid Bar	1357 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA Reservations -617-497-0965 www.druidpub.com/index.html
Nov 11, 2008	10:00 pm	Lily Pad Arts Center	1353 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA www.lily-pad.net
Nov 17, 2008	9:00 pm	The Burren Bar	247 Elm Street, Davis Square Somerville MA Reservations -617.776.6896 www.burren.com/index.html
Nov 22, 2008	9:00 pm	Rocky O'Sullivan's Bar	34 Van Dyke Street Brooklyn, NY Reservations - 718.246.8050 www.rockysullivans.com
Nov 24, 2008	6:00 pm	National Arts Club *	15 Gramercy Park South New York, NY Reservations - 212.682.6110
Nov 25, 2008	8:00 pm	Don't Tell Mama	343 W 46 th Street New York, NY Reservations - 212.757.0788 www.donttellmamanyc.com
Dec 5, 2008	8:30 pm	The Plough & Stars	116 Clement Street 2nd Ave San Francisco, CA Reservations - 415.751.1122 www.theploughandstars.com

* Aindrias will be appearing as Special Guest of Broadway, Television and Film legend **Jim Dale** as part of the St. George Society's Arts Initiative at the National Arts Club. For reservations for this special event, contact becky.turner@stgeorgesociety.org. Tickets are just \$20.00.