



The Anglo-Bolivian Society

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The Condor & The Maiden

By Dermot Murphy

A rehearsed play reading

Directed by Simone Vause



Clarisa is ten and the stories she loves seem to be a good way to make sense of what is happening in the adult world around her.

She lives on a small-holding with her mother, Lucía, who tries to make a living growing herbs and flowers. Clarisa's father has disappeared in Argentina, from where one of her uncles has just returned. Lucía welcomes help from another uncle, Domingo, but is suspicious of someone else who comes offering support, a fieldworker for a development charity.

What will happen when, as in one of Clarisa's favourite stories, the condor arrives to court the maiden?

The Condor and the Maiden is set in the countryside in present day southern Bolivia and based on real events in the life of a mother like Lucía. It sketches out many of the issues encountered in development projects working with people who live below the poverty line. *The Condor & the Maiden* is scheduled for a run at the King's Head Islington.

Dermot Murphy made many visits to Bolivia as a consultant working with university language departments. He often stayed on to go and see projects run by Plan in rural communities, where the ideas for the play came from. In addition to plays, Dermot has written text books, academic articles, and short stories.

Simone Vause is a highly experienced director and teacher who has worked in theatre and in drama schools since the early 1980s.

Canning House, 2 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PJ
6.30 pm Friday 25 September, 2009

Price: Members £8, Non-Members £10, to include refreshments & a glass of wine. Under 16, £2

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