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DARWIN THEATRE COMPANY

What: NOT LIKE BECKETT by Michael Watts
(DTC/Red Dust Theatre co-production)
When: 25th - 6th May 7.30pm (Wed - Sat)
(Sundays 5pm and no shows Tues & Wed.)
Where: Browns Mart

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Haunted Rabbit Loses Lucky Foot

Friday the Thirteenth with all its dark fears and bad luck is just another day at the office for Walter Walloon Beckett. When you're stuck at the top of a lonely old mountain with your lucky rabbit's foot caught in a trap, it a bad day whatever day of the week it is. Damien A Pree, one of Darwin's best-known and loved actors, is busy with director, Nicola Fearn, creating the character of Beckett, rabbit extraordinaire, for the first show of the DTC season - Michael Watts' nationally acclaimed play **Not Like Beckett** and Black Friday holds no fears for him.

"No time to stop," says Damien, sounding suspiciously like another famous white rabbit. "And, anyway, great theatre's never a question of luck."

For Damien, this is the latest in many shows he has done for Darwin Theatre Company. Coming from Melbourne several years ago, Damien has made Darwin his permanent base and knows the importance of having a professional theatre company in town.

"That's how we keep the skills in this region - otherwise people just drift away and we lose all that talent and experience."

Damien does a great deal to increase Darwin's stock of available talent. When he's not performing, he gives workshops for young people at Corrugated Iron Youth Arts and every week he also conducts the open 'drop-in' workshops for DTC. Comedy is a favorite focus for Damien so the amazing showbiz rabbit, Beckett, is a great part to play.

"He's a rabbit with a great deal to say for himself," Damian says. "And it's especially rewarding when you know it's an NT writer who's given him the words."

Not Like Beckett opens on April 25th at Browns Mart. Tickets available from Darwin Entertainment Centre