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Shorter+Sweeter at Araluen Arts Centre

A collection of the best and most popular 10 minute plays from the *Short+Sweet Festival* will be performed at the Araluen Arts Centre Theatre at 8pm this Wednesday 30 April 2008.

Araluen Arts Centre Publicity and Promotions Officer Kelsey Rodda said the festivals, held in Sydney and Melbourne, attract submissions from new, emerging and established playwrights, with more than 5,000 plays submitted since 2002.

“Each play is assessed and then narrowed down to a final 60 plays which are performed at the festival, where they are judged by a panel of industry experts and the audience,” Ms Rodda said.

“The Shorter+Sweeter tour then features the best plays from the festival which are performed by a talented group of actors.”

Ms Rodda said the plays are contemporary, relevant and written by some of Australia’s trendiest, established and emerging playwrights.

“Shorter+Sweeter provides a complete evening of theatre that deals with life, love, loss and laughter all in quick 10 minute bites,” Ms Rodda said.

“Themes range from the witty to the absurd, the serious to the ridiculous, and the contained to the outrageous.”

Some of the plays to be performed include:

- *Paradise*: Adam and Eve are living not so quite happily together.
- *Keys to Mystic Halls of Time*: The digital universe meets the real world.
- *Upwardly*: For an actor, the mobile phone is a blessing and a curse.
- *Moving Fast*: Domestic bliss, but not for long...
- *Borys the Rottweiler*: It’s a dog’s life and Borys admits he’s guilty as sin.

In addition to the performance at 8pm Wednesday 30 April, a special performance aimed at school groups will be held at 1pm on Thursday 1 May 2008.

The Shorter+Sweeter evening show contains nudity, occasional coarse language and adult concepts.

For more information about the performances, call the Araluen Box Office on 08 8951 1122, or visit the Araluen Arts Centre website at: www.araluenartscentre.nt.gov.au.

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Image – Shorter+Sweeter cast

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