

THEATER

'Enda Walsh in NYC,' a Double Dose of Bracing Irish Isolation

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Hugh O'Connor in the Irish playwright Enda Walsh's "Arlington." Patrick Redmond

There are few people I'd want to be stuck in a room with, but the Irish playwright Enda Walsh makes for good company in close quarters. In "[The Walworth Farce](#)"; "[The New Electric Ballroom](#)"; and, more recently, his co-writing effort with David Bowie, "[Lazarus](#)," Mr. Walsh has made isolation awfully alluring.

If you don't know him, you should, and thanks to [St. Ann's Warehouse](#) and the [Irish Arts Center](#), theatergoers have two chances this month. In "Enda Walsh in NYC," a mini-festival of sorts running now, St. Ann's will stage the American premiere of "Arlington," an Orwellian play about a woman stuck alone in a room, waiting for her chance to start a life outside. And Irish Arts will present "Rooms," a series of

short works being presented in a Clinton tire shop that will soon be the [new home](#) of the center. Being stuck in a tire store sounds pretty good in this case. (Through May 28; [stannwarehouse.org](#), [irishartscenter.org](#).)