

*Everyman Theatre*

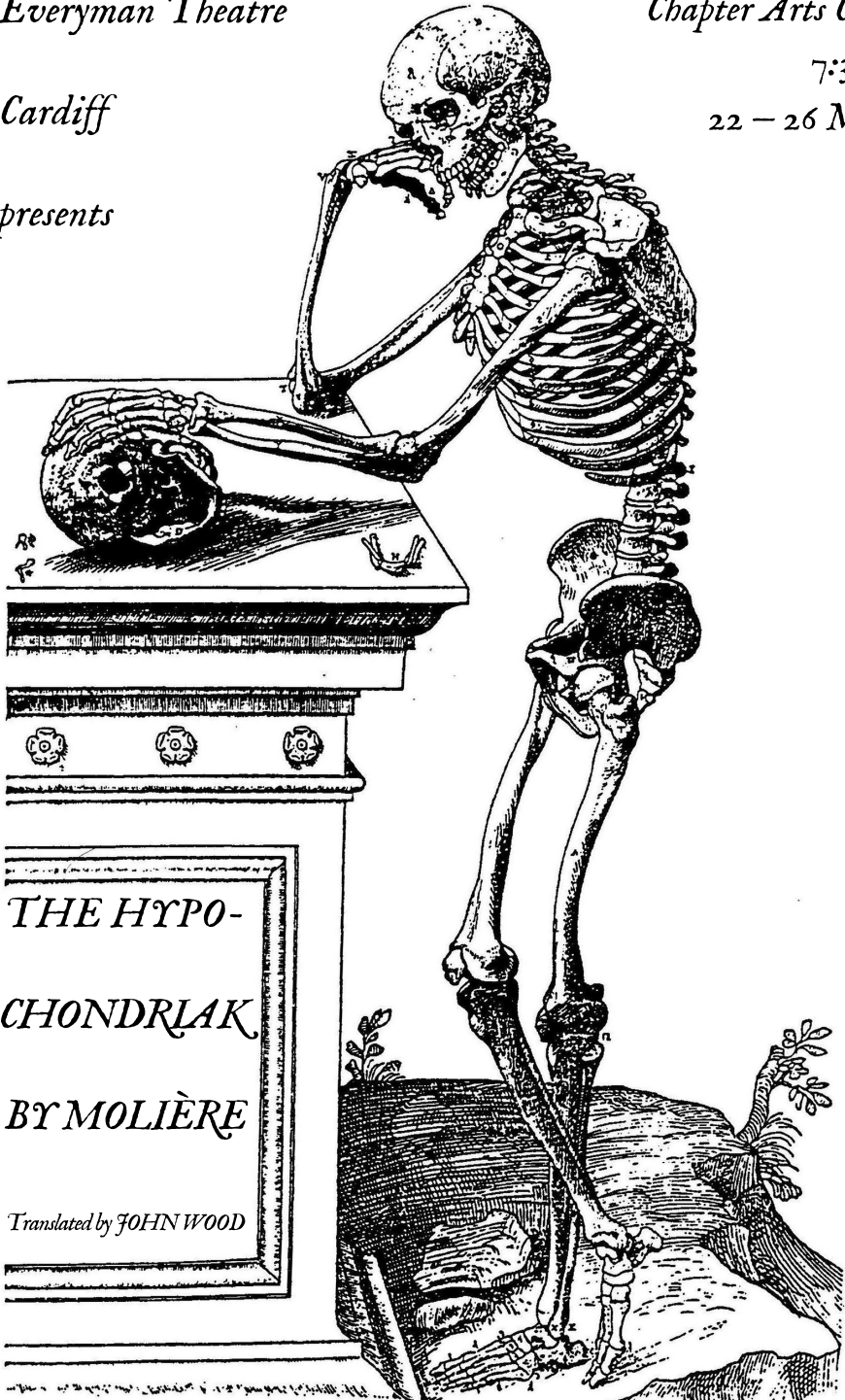
*Chapter Arts Centre*

*Cardiff*

*7:30 pm*

*22 – 26 March*

*presents*



# *THE HYPOCHONDRIAK* *(LE MALADE IMAGINAIRE)*

by *MOLIÈRE*

*translated by John Wood*

‘One proof that there’s nothing wrong with you and that your health is perfectly sound is that in spite of all your efforts you haven’t managed to damage your constitution and you’ve survived all the medicines they’ve given you to swallow.’

(Béralde)

In ‘The Hypochondriak’, his final play, Molière creates in Argan one of his great comic monomaniacs. Argan worships at the shrine of medicine and loves doctors - his fantasies cause havoc, threaten the happiness of his daughter and leave him a prey to his scheming second wife and every smooth talking doctor he encounters. It’s bound to end in tears but somehow his fast talking and feisty servant, Toinette, uses all her comic invention to turn things round - somehow!

Everyman Theatre’s in-period production has a contemporary slant with original music by Geoff Nichols and a collaboration with Cardiff choir, Illuminations. There may be no cure for a world gone mad or the stresses of everyday life but this production aims to deliver a prescription of laughter, music and commedia dell’arte anarchy which provides invigorating, if temporary, relief for its audience.

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**Tickets £10**  
**(concessions £8 on Tuesday and Thursday only)**



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