

**Press Release**

**Poles Apart**

**Hard Graft Theatre Company** has announced new tour dates for their sell out production, **Poles Apart**. After their national tour earlier this year they are pleased to announce new dates at the Lowry in Manchester and Rich Mix in London this November. Poles Apart traces the footsteps of the estimated 600,000 Polish workers who have come to the UK since 2004.

On **21<sup>st</sup> August 2008** actors Mark Whiteley and **Daniel Hoffman-Gill**, set off on the trip to Poland. Mark bought a car for £600 from an auction and left Manchester for his 24-hour drive through France, Holland, Belgium and Germany. Dan, the seasoned traveller, took to the skies and flew from London on a budget airline.

Poles Apart is a unique show about a 2000 mile adventure from the UK to Poland. It is the story of two nations who have fought together, worked together and now live together. Using video footage, photographs and fantastic facts from our theatrical odyssey, this innovative show brings Hard Graft's unique blend of entertaining comedy storytelling to help us all understand what it means to be an immigrant in the world today.

**TOUR DATES 2009:**

**November**

**Lowry Manchester 26<sup>th</sup> November**

**Rick Mix London 27th-28th November**

**Patrons**

Amanda Holden, Kenneth Alan Taylor,  
William Ivory, Chris Gascoyne,  
Jason Flemyng

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