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## WATT

**Samuel Beckett**

A wide-eyed itinerant alights from a country train. The destination: Mr Knott's house. The mission: to serve.

Samuel Beckett's reputation as the twentieth century's preeminent chronicler of the human condition often obscures a position as one of the finest comic minds in literature. Here Beckett's wit and wisdom combine in the tale of a nomadic manservant never afforded a glimpse of their master.

Originally a novella written while Beckett was fleeing Nazis, *Watt* has been recast for the stage in a one-man production of lyrical elegance and heart-stirring immediacy.

It's a tour-de-force performance by Irish actor Barry McGovern, the foremost interpreter of Beckett's work in theatre today.

Life's a joke. If you didn't laugh, you'd die. You'll die anyway.

**Arts Centre Melbourne, Playhouse**  
**Fri 5 – Sun 7 Oct, Tue 9-Sat 13 Oct**  
**7pm**  
**\$39 - \$69**

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**'Quite simply outstanding.'** – The Guardian

**'So enthralling you don't want it to end.'** – Sydney Morning Herald.