

The Opposite Sex

Synopsis

Mark, Vicky, Judith and Eric have something in common and a chance meeting could have made for a pleasant social evening.

Unfortunately, as they all come face to face, the common denominator becomes apparent and it isn't long before the air is thick with insults, black eyes and broken china!

It is the mid 1980s, a time when political correctness was still a fledgling.

The play is in two acts.

Act 1

Scene 1: Friday evening – A Homecoming and a Re-Union

Scene 2: Saturday evening – Small Talk

Act 2


Scene 1: Later that evening – The Secret of the Vase

Scene 2: Even later that evening – Picking up the Pieces

There will be an interval between the acts when refreshments will be available.



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Trinity Players present


The Opposite Sex

A comedy with adult themes by **David Tristram**

Mark, Vicky, Judith and Eric only have one thing in common.....
When they find out what it is,
all hell is going to break loose.

Wednesday 13th July until Saturday 16th July 2016 at 7:15pm
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Director's Notes



Nick Percival

The last play I directed was for the Fellow Players at Edmonton URC in North London. The play was called The White Sheep of the Family by L. du Garde Peach and Ian Hay. That was forty years ago!

I thought it was about time I tried my hand at directing another play. But why The Opposite Sex? I hear you ask. Well, on a cruise a couple of years ago my wife, Lorraine, and I saw this play performed. We hadn't laughed so much in ages. It really is a very funny play in a sort of Carry On at the end of the pier style.

In the play fate intervenes at a chance meeting between the characters. But it is not long before what should have been a friendly dinner party turns into a social nightmare. Your past can come back to haunt you, so they say, and it's about to come crashing back into the lives of Mark, Vicky, Judith and Eric in a way that will, hopefully, have you howling with laughter.

Our erstwhile committee gave me the go-ahead to put this play on so I purchased a copy of the script and read it. I had forgotten how strong the adult themes in it were. It is definitely not a play for the easily offended or for those who are offended on behalf of someone else!

So, I blew away the cobwebs and was fortunate to be able to assemble a fantastic cast who have worked very hard during rehearsals. The schedule has been very tight. My thanks also go to everyone backstage who have helped me enormously in bringing this comedy to you.

Lastly, my thanks go to you, our beloved audience. It is your support and encouragement that keeps us going. I hope that this adult domestic comedy will have you in stitches from curtain up to curtain down and it may not be long before you start to recognise characters and situations that may have appeared in your own life.

Sit back, enjoy the ride and, most of all, have a great evening as you watch The Opposite Sex.

Rev Nick Percival

P.S. I hope I'm not defrocked for putting an adult play on the Trinity stage!

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Production Crew

Director | **Rev Nick Percival**

Stage Manager | **Neil Barham**

Producer | **John Parker**

Sound & Lights | **Jim Parkinson & Malcolm Afferson**

Set Design | **Neil Barham & Mike Rosse**

Stage Construction | **Bob Willerton, Graham Myers, Malcolm Afferson, Paul Taylor and Jim Parkinson**

Props | **Joe Battye**

Promps | **Andrew Crossland & John Parker**

Programme and Website | **Dale Rivers**

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*A special mention for Nick Percival who directs with the Trinity Players for the first time and (we hope you'll agree) has done a **fabulous darling!** job*



Jim and Neil without whom we wouldn't be seen nor would we have owt to stand on!



Cast

(in order of appearance)



Esther Dyson: Vicky

Esther is a regular to the Trinity stage having recently won awards in 'Whose Life is it Anyway' and much acclaim in our regular Pantomimes. In this play she takes the role of Vicky. When not playing a drunken, floozy, Esther has two hopes in life; that this author-written bio isn't too mean and to have learnt her lines by the closing night. Break a leg, Esther.



Hugh Jones: Mark

Hugh doesn't write these bios despite being asked by the irate, somewhat vengeful author on numerous occasions. A stalwart Welsh Rugby fan with a perfect English accent, Hugh returns to the Trinity, to take the role of a luckless but none-the-less perseverant ladies man, mmmm! His dying ambition remains to be the tutu-clad fairy in our rather excellent Pantomime in January, Sleeping Beauty. (Tickets available now!)

Cast cont....



Jane Laverack: Judith

Judith is an Avon Lady and also the long suffering wife of Eric. I was thrilled to be offered this role as it helped me to in a small way fulfil a childhood ambition of working behind the perfume counter of a well known Liverpool department store. I used to love the scents of the different perfumes as I walked through the shop's revolving doors. Judith, however does not enjoy the different perfumes that she smells on her adulterous husband's clothes. This play has been great fun to do and I hope you find it great fun to watch.



Bob Willerton: Eric

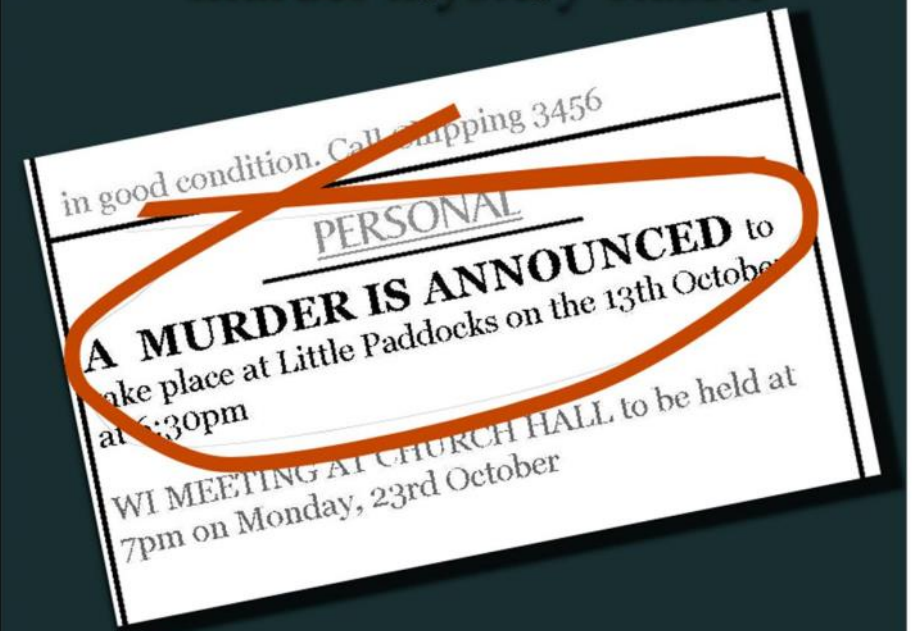
Eric is an aggressive left winger with an eye for the ladies. This is of course a stretch for Bob who is more used to playing Bishops (See How They Run) or Territorial Army Squaddies (Not With a Bang) in Trinity plays. At the Lamproom I am more used to playing nutjobs or bemused idiots he says - so this is a contrast. It's been a fun play to work on and I've loved watching the females in the show have to stare at me whilst delivering some "naughty" lines. Hope you all enjoy it.

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