



Information Night Tuesday 18 September 2018

On stage at the Playhouse
Theatre

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 18 – 7:30pm ON STAGE at the Playhouse Theatre

Director Nigel Dick is unable to be present so Artistic Director Rebecca Hutchins will talk about the show.....

WHAT'S IT ABOUT?

A washed-up Hollywood star, flown to England to play the title role in King Lear finds he has signed on with the "Stratford Players" in a small village. With a deteriorating career, and problems with his daughter, the American has no time for manners, displays an appalling lack of class, and considers himself too big for this lowly setting. The local villagers are a motley crew but are delighted to have such an - albeit unsuccessful - star playing with them. The transition to humble actor, happy to play with the British actors takes some time, but eventually he realises that he is no better, in terms of talent and intelligence, than his amateur colleagues.

The CASTING and what is required for the characters....

Jefferson Steel	40 ish	Fading Hollywood star who is arrogant, insecure, brash, gauche, demanding, vulnerable and ultimately aware of his own absurdity. He is father of Jessica and drops the 'f' bomb a couple of times.....
Dorothy Nettle	35 ish	Director of the 'Stratford Players' and the moving force behind keeping the theatre alive. Her sweet and accommodating manner conceals her inner steel. She is the eventual love interest for Jefferson and they kiss passionately.
Jessica Steel	18 ish	Jefferson's teenage daughter, who has been neglected by her Hollywood star father and now wishes to make him pay for it.
Nigel Dewbury	50 ish	Solicitor and leading light of the Stratford Players. Pompous, stuck-up and self-regarding, he believes he is the star of the show, and should play all the leading roles. He also fancies his romantic chances with Dorothy.
Mary Plunkett	40 ish	Owner of the rectory bed and breakfast. Jolly, generous and an unashamedly adoring Jefferson Steel fan – although somewhat confused about which roles he played in his films, and how keen he is on her. She kisses him a couple of times.
Denis Dobbins	25-50	Handyman and village Mr Fixit. Kind and friendly to the less experienced, though slightly dull, Denis is star-struck by Jefferson and fancies heading up his entourage of one.
Lauren Bell	30 ish	Marketing executive and former physiotherapist, and the sponsor's wife. Passionate about the Arts and smarter than her husband allows her to be, she's treated as a bimbo because of her looks.

Audition – TUESDAY 9 October 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start



November 30
December 1, 7, 8 at 7:30pm
Sunday Dec 2 at 3:00pm

5 Performances Only

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Sunday 11 November
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