

TEECHERS

By John Godber

Directed by Wayne Maclaughlin

Auditions: 26th February 2012

Time: 11 am

Place: The Court Theatre

Performance Dates: 25th - 30th June 2012

Rehearsals will be on Wednesday evenings commencing 29th February 2012

Teechers is a play by John Godber, written in 1987. It was first performed by the Hull Truck Theatre Company at the 1987 Edinburgh Festival starring Martin Barass as Salty, Gill Tompkins as Gail and Shirley Anne Selby as Hobby. It is a play within a play in which three students put on a performance to their teachers. Everything in the play is reduced to the bare essentials, with very little set and the three actors playing twenty other parts. However, Godber has said that it could also be performed with twenty different actors.

Synopsis

Three school leavers, Salty, Hobby and Gail perform to the audience an account of their time in High School (given the name 'Whitewall' for their performance), specifically their time with Mr. Nixon, the new drama teacher who ignites their passion for the stage with his idealism and belief that all children should be treated equally. The children mention that the names of the characters have been changed: Mr Nixon's real name is Mr Harrison, mentioned at the beginning. At the end of the play he leaves Whitewall High School to teach at St George's, another school with a much better reputation.

Characters in Teechers

^ Ian "Salty" Salt - a school-leaver, bright and fresh-faced, rather dirty in appearance (also plays Teecher B, Jeff Nixon, Pete Saxon, Oggy Moxon, Derek Basford, Mr Hatton and Deanie)

^ Lillian "Hobby" Hobson - Shy. Should be very large, must be bigger than the other two. She is doing the play despite herself (also plays Mrs Cordelia Parry, Ms Jones, Mr Basford, Ron, Simon "Piggy" Patterson, Oggy Moxon and Mrs Clifton)

^ Gail Saunders - Loud mouthed and bossy, attractive and full of enthusiasm (also plays Teacher A, Ms Maureen Whitham, Oggy Moxon, Mr Basford, Miss Jackie Prime, Barry Wobschall, Dennis, Doug and Mrs Coates)

^ Mr Harrison - the drama teacher, socialist and idealistic, called Mr Nixon in the play.

^ Mrs Hudson - the headmistress, called Mrs Parry in the play.

Playing age for all characters is 16 -18

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