

OUR NEXT PRODUCTION

Jane Austen's
Northanger Abbey
Adapted by
Matthew Francis



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Romance, mystery, and misunderstandings!

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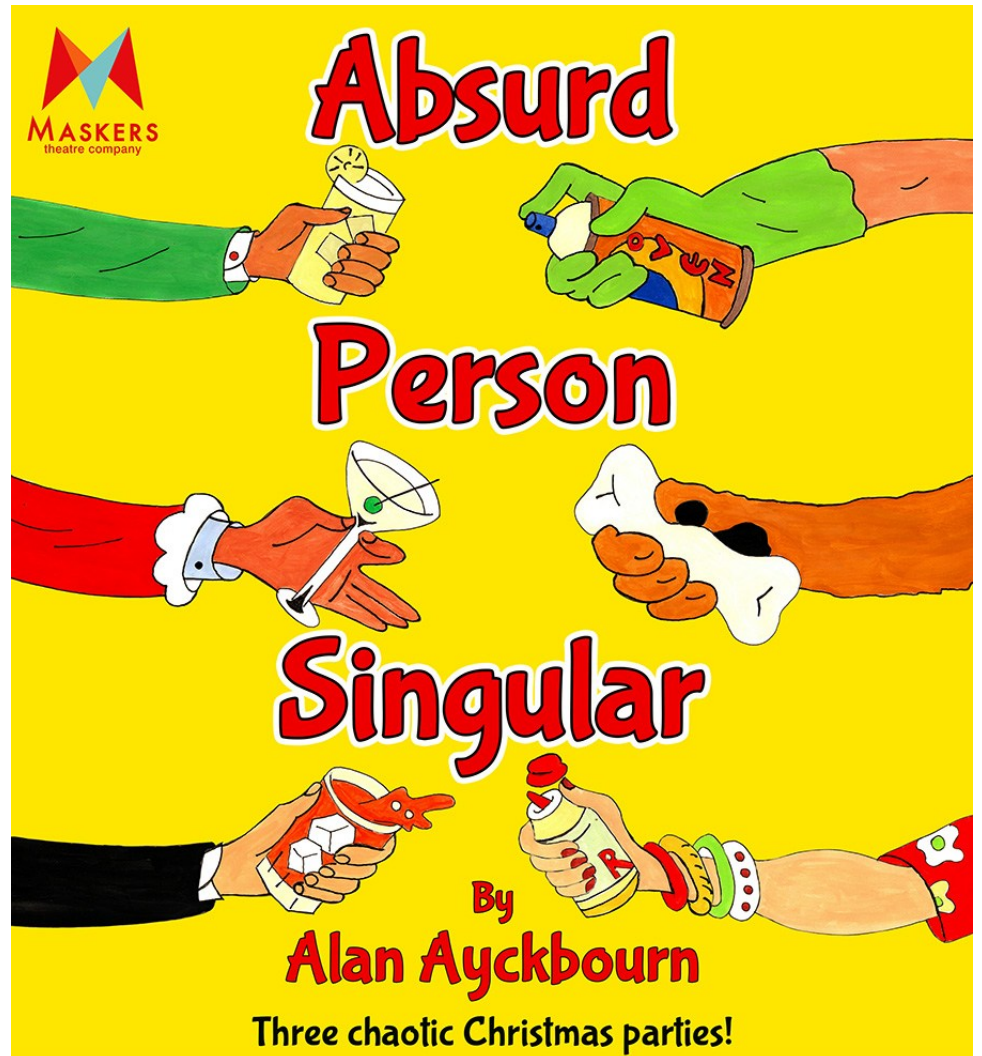
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Absurd Person Singular

By
Alan Ayckbourn

Three chaotic Christmas parties!

Programme

19th — 24th May 2025

Maskers Studio Theatre

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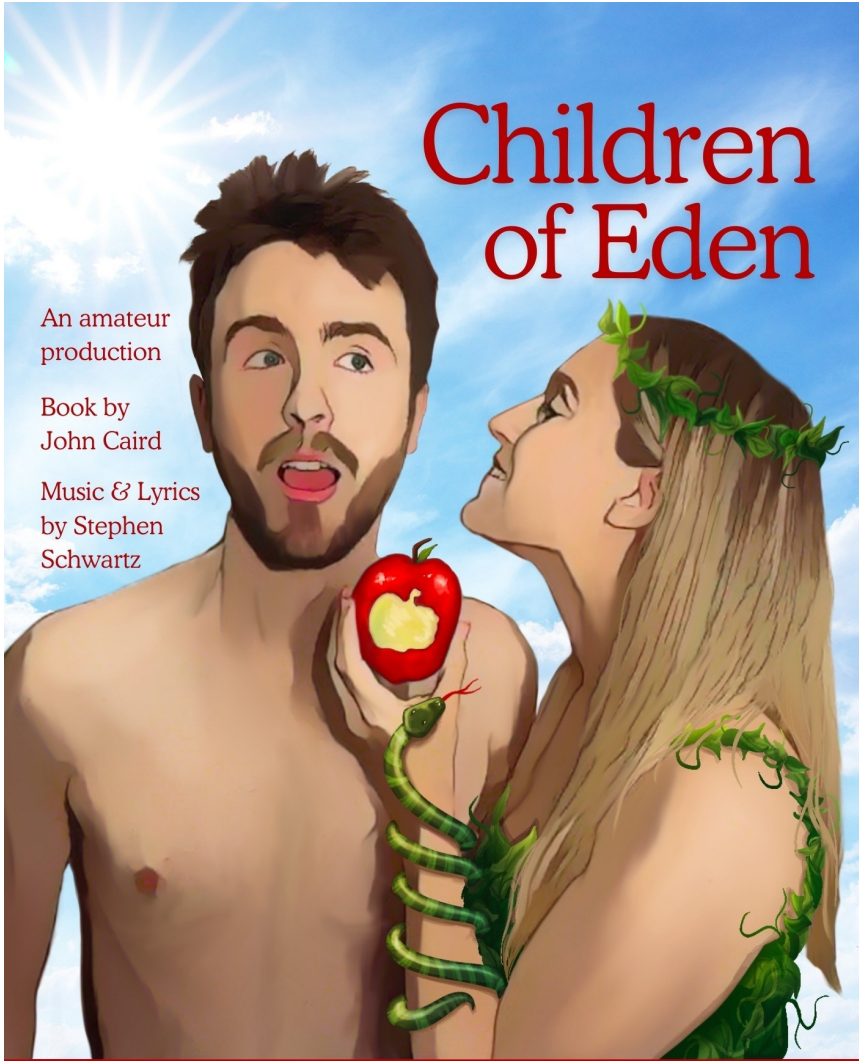
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In **Absurd Person Singular** we meet a lower-class couple, Sidney and Jane, who will stop at nothing to impress the middle- and upper-class couples. Middle-class couple Geoffrey and Eva are a philandering architect and his pill popping wife, who is deeply depressed but making the best of things.



FROM OUR FRIENDS AT SOS



Children of Eden

An amateur production

Book by John Caird

Music & Lyrics by Stephen Schwartz

Mayflower Studios

Southampton 02380 711 811
mayflower.org.uk

9-12 July 2025
Wed-Sat 7.30pm
Sat 2.30pm

Supporting Abby's Heroes

Based on a concept by Charles Lisanby. Orchestrations by Bruce Coughlin and Martin Erskine. This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International. All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI www.mtishows.co.uk SOS Charity #257305

Finally, the upper-class couple, Ronald and Marion, have seen better days but all we see now is a man who wants peace and quiet, living with his gin-swilling wife. We find ourselves laughing at these people, when we really shouldn't.

I am so proud to present this wonderful cast, who have been a joy to work with. Now sit back, relax and let them show you a thoroughly English black comedy.

Hazel



Directed by Hazel Burrows - Hazel has been a Masker since the mid-70s during which time she has been known for her numerous and varied stage roles. Her first role was in ***The Man who Came to Dinner*** an American comedy followed by ***Alfie*** in 1977, a comedy-drama. During those early days Hazel was to discover all the theatrical possibilities of her creative mind but in particular comedy. Some of her favourite roles were in ***Our Lady of Sligo***, ***Six Characters in Search of an Author***, ***The Importance of Being Earnest***, ***The Merry Wives of Windsor***, ***Pride and Prejudice***, and ***The Beauty Queen of Leenane***.

Some of the many productions directed by Hazel were ***Ten times Table***, ***Sitting Pretty***, and ***A Bunch of Amateurs***. Hazel attributes their success to the talented actors we have in this Company of Players.

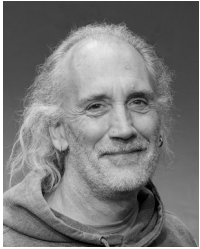


For the Maskers **Technical Manager:-** Jamie McCarthy; **Lighting Consultant:-** Clive Weeks; **Sound Consultant:-** Jamie McCarthy;

Marketing Team:- Jenni Prior, Angela Stansbridge, Clive Weeks, Robert Osborne, Meri Mackney, Paul Baker; Tash Priddle; Redmond O'Sullivan; Nataliia Prymak; **Front of House Manager:-** James Lawson; **Box Office Manager:-** Chris Baker; **Photography:-** Clive Weeks; **Bar Manager:-** Meri Mackney

There will be **two** intervals of **15** minutes each
Win a bottle of Prosecco—tickets available from the bar!

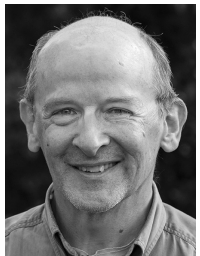
The Cast



Sidney played by **Ian Wilson** — Ian has been a member of Maskers for 17 years and appeared in many productions, most recently playing multiple roles in *Notes from a Small Island*. Previous performances include Eric, the benefit cheat, in *Cash on Delivery* and the pedantic trainspotter, Leonard, in *Out of Focus*. Last year he directed *Blue Remembered Hills*, a play he has been wanting to be involved in for many years.



Jane played by **Kate Grundy-Garcia** — Kate has been a Masker on and off for about 35 years and most recently played Lady Capulet in *Romeo and Juliet* and Ruth Condomine in *Blithe Spirit*. She is now enjoying playing the more down to earth Jane in this fast-paced comedy set in the 1970s, where a washing machine with an 'Ironing mode' is the highlight of her day!



Geoffrey played by **Paul Baker** — Paul joined Maskers in 1996 and has been in over twenty-five shows in the open air for Maskers. During that time, he has played a variety of roles including Weasel Norman in *Wind in the Willows* and Thomas Cromwell in *Anne Boleyn* and often multiple parts in the same production, as evidenced when he played four different characters in *The Three Musketeers*. Paul has appeared in most of the recent productions in Maskers Studio, having played Sepulchre in *Gormenghast* and Chris Kriegle, the Santa Burglar in *Sorry, Wrong Chimney!*, Uncle George in *Cash on Delivery*, three different characters in *Murder in the Studio*, Andrew in *Murder in the Citizens' Jury*, and most recently Willie in *Blue Remembered Hills*. As this play is set in the 70s, his character is very much of the time and, if the Me, Too movement had existed, he would most definitely have been cancelled



Eva played by **Abi Linnartz** — Abi has appeared for Maskers at Townhill Park House as the Nurse in *Romeo and Juliet* and as Aramis in *The Three Musketeers*. She has also been in *Gormenghast* at the Studio and stage-managed *Copenhagen*. Abi has performed with a variety of drama companies throughout the area such as Southampton University Players, RAODS and with Titchfield Festival Theatre, where she also directed *The Two Gentlemen of Verona* at the Great Barn.



Ronald played by **Duncan Randall** — Duncan is involved in various community theatre groups. On moving to the South coast, he joined Titchfield Festival Theatre (TFT), creating roles such as, Bri in *A Day in the Death of Joe Egg*, Enobarbus (*Anthony and Cleopatra*), Goldberg (*The Birthday Party*) and the Landlord in Jim Cartwright's *Two*. Duncan joined the Maskers 2022 playing Athos in *The Three Musketeers*. Since then, he has appeared in *The Picture of Dorian Gray*, *Gormenghast*, *Time and Tide*, *Blithe Spirit*, *Murder in the Studio*, *Romeo and Juliet* and *Blue Remembered Hills*. Duncan worked in a bank briefly in the 1980s; he was about as effective as Ronald, but not promoted to senior management, alas!



Marion played by **Marie McDade** — Marie's first appearance with The Maskers was in *Mitchell's Wings* in 2011. Since then, she has enjoyed a wide range of roles both in the studio and on the outdoor stage. These have included Bagheera in *The Jungle Book*, Dogberry in *Much Ado About Nothing*, Granny Weatherwax in *Wyrd Sisters*, the comedies *A Bunch of Amateurs*, *Out of Focus*, *Cash on Delivery* and, most recently, *Blue Remembered Hills*.

The Production Team

Director
Production Manager
Stage Manager
Lighting Design
Sound Design
Lighting and Sound Operators
Set Crew
Set Design
Set Construction
Set Painting

Set Dressing
Costume
Properties
Poster Design
Show Photography
Rehearsal Prompt

Hazel Burrows
Chris Baker
Donald Coe
Clive Weeks
Jamie McCarthy
Ashley Martin, Maddie Cope
Daniel Dick, Maria McKay
Clive Weeks
Tuesday Team
Donald Coe, Hazel Burrows, Clive Weeks, Maria McKay
Alison Tebbutt
Chris Baker and Cast
Alison Tebbutt
Hazel Burrows, Clive Weeks
Clive Weeks
Chris Baker

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