

## MASKERS FORTHCOMING PRODUCTIONS

### ***The Comedy of Errors***

By William Shakespeare  
In the open air  
at Hamptworth Lodge, Landford  
16-26 July 2008  
Box Office: 023 80711818

### ***The Beggar's Opera***

An Adaptation of John Gay's play  
at The Maskers Studio, Shirley  
20-25 October 2008  
Box Office: 023 80551489

### ***Christmas Anthology***

at The Tudor Merchant's Hall, Southampton  
8-13 December 2008

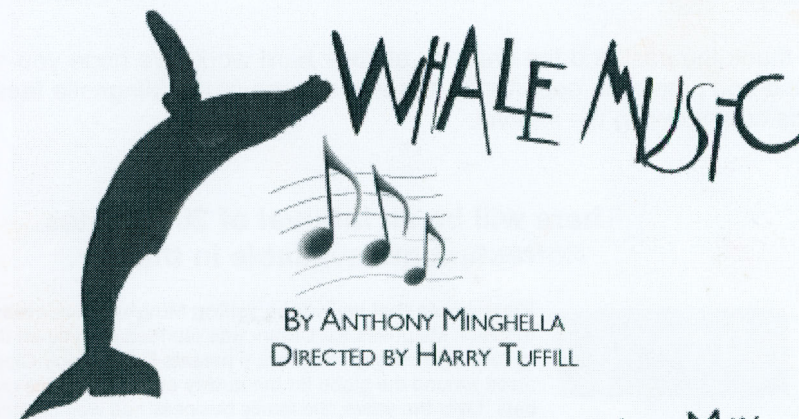
### ***Little Women***

By Louisa May Alcott  
At The Nuffield Theatre, Southampton  
January 2009

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# the maskers theatre company



By ANTHONY MINGHELLA  
DIRECTED BY HARRY TUFFILL

MONDAY 19TH TO SATURDAY 24TH MAY



## Director's Notes

*These quotes are from the Introduction to Anthony Minghella: Plays 1.*

"I find myself in similar thrall to the theatre as I do to Catholicism. It informs a great deal of what I think and do – like it or not; I find it hard to practice, increasingly marginalised, excluding, often infuriating."

"It has often seemed to me that there are two kinds of writer at least: those who understand the world and tell us about it; and those who don't understand the world and share their confusion with the audience. I have always admired the first group and resided in the second. And I can identify in each of the plays in this volume a question or a problem or a puzzle which informs and orders the material. In *Whale Music* I tried to make sense in my own mind of some of the issues surrounding an unplanned and unwanted pregnancy."

As director I saw the play as revolving around the relationships between Caroline and each of the other five women: Fran, her best friend "Don't make that face. It's going to happen. It's no use pretending it won't."; Stella, her landlady "Would you mind if I knit something for it? It could wear something for a week."; Kate, her friend and former school teacher "We could bring the child up together. I've thought about that, too. I've got enough money. We could manage."; D, Kate's current protégée "She should have got rid of it. I would have."; and Sheelagh, her mother "Caroline – it's not too late if – ." and "it's our grandchild, isn't it?"

I thank the cast and the crew for all their hard work. We hope you enjoy the play and don't miss the opportunity to sample some of the Minghella family's excellent ice cream during the interval.

**There will be an interval of 20 minutes.  
Refreshments available in the bar.**



Please note that we will be selling Minghella ice cream during the interval. Minghella Ice Cream was founded in Ryde on the Isle of Wight in 1950 by Anthony Minghella's parents Edward and Gloria and is recognised around the globe for the quality of its famous ice creams and sorbets. Over the years, the family business has won countless awards,

## Acknowledgements

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## The Cast

Caroline

Stella

Fran

Waitress

Kate

D

Nurse

Staff Nurse

Sheelagh O'Brien

Veronica

Louise Jones

Sarah-Jayne Wareham

Alex Austin

Paula Beattie

Mary Hamilton

Joanna Russel

Paula Beattie

Joanna Fox

Lyn Austin

Paula Beattie

## The Crew

Director

Production Manager

Director's Assistant

Stage Manager

Sound

Lighting

Properties

Costume

Set Construction

Lighting Design

Programme/ Flyer Design

Marketing/Publicity

Printing

Front of House

Box Office

Bar Manager

Photography

Harry Tuffill

Alison Tebbutt

Hayley Cheesworth

Peter Burrows

Geoff Grandy

Jamie McCarthy

Ella Lockett

Gill Buchanan

Liz Hill

Ann-Marie Smith

Roger Lockett

Clive Weeks

Anja McCloskey

Sarah Russell

Ian Morley

Geoff & Pam Cook

Geoff Wharam

Julia Jupp and her team

Christine Baker

Jan Spiers

Clive Weeks