

## MASKERS FORTHCOMING PRODUCTIONS

### The Servant of Two Masters

By Carlo Goldoni

In the open air

At Hamptworth Lodge, Landford

14th - 24th July 2010

Tickets on sale now from

TICKETSOUTH: 02380711818 or ticketsouth.co.uk

### The Caretaker

By Harold Pinter

In The Maskers Studio, Shirley

October, 2010

### Uncle Vanya

by Anton Chekhov

At The Nuffield Theatre, Southampton

January 2011

For more information about The Maskers productions or to become a member visit

[www.maskers.org.uk](http://www.maskers.org.uk)

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# the maskers theatre company

Programme

**Closer**

by Patrick Marber

Directed by Ian Wilson

May 17-22, 2010 at 7.30pm  
At The Maskers Studio

Contains strong language and  
adult themes

## Director's Notes:

Patrick Marber wrote *Closer* in 1996 and it premiered at the National Theatre in 1997, I first became aware of it as a result of the film adaptation in 2004 and subsequently read the play. It is recognised as one of the most significant British plays of the 1990s and marks a resurgence of provocative new theatre writing; I found it to be, and still do, utterly enthralling. The play is an intense scrutiny of human behaviour and sexuality; it is at times, as one critic commented, darkly savage in theme and mood and can be uncomfortable viewing. However, at other times it is funny, charming and poignant and I think it lends itself perfectly to the intimacy of the studio. I have thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience from casting right through to the show and it's been a pleasure working with four talented actors. Rehearsals have highlighted to me how beautifully constructed and written this play is and I hope you find it to be an evening well spent.

Ian Wilson  
May 2010

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## London, present day.

### The Cast (in order of appearance)

Alice	Louise Jones
Dan	Rob Praine
Larry	Steve Cosier
Anna	Sarah-Jayne Wareham

### The Crew

Director	Ian Wilson
Production Manager	Ken Spencer
Stage Manager	Kathryn Salmon
Assistant Stage Managers	Adam Taussik & Joanna Iacovou
Sound	Stuart Gray
Lighting Design	Clive Weeks
Lighting	Martin Welch & Jamie McCarthy
Properties	Adam Taussik
Costume	Susan Wilson
Set Design & Painting	Ken Spencer
Set Construction	Roger Lockett & Graham Buchanan
Programme/Flyer Design	Sarah Russell
Marketing/Publicity	Sarah Russell
	Angela Stansbridge
	Geoff Wharam
Printing	Pete Hill
Front of House	Christine Baker
Box Office	Jan Spiers
Bar Manager	Clive Weeks
Photography	<a href="http://www.cwphotos.co.uk">www.cwphotos.co.uk</a>

There will be an interval of 20 minutes.  
Refreshments available in the bar.  
The play ends at approximately 10.15pm.

Note: cigarette smoking takes place during this production.