

## MASKERS FORTHCOMING PRODUCTIONS

4th - 8th December 2007 at 7.30pm  
(also 3pm performance on Saturday 8th December)

Tudor Merchant's Hall, Southampton

### 'Tis the Season'

A Christmas Anthology of words and music

Box Office: 023 8055 1489

22nd - 26th January 2008

The Nuffield Theatre, Southampton

**An Ideal Husband** by Oscar Wilde

Directed by Moyra Allen

Box Office: 023 8067 1771

10th - 15th March 2008

The Maskers Studio

**Educating Rita** by Willy Russell

Directed by Ken Hann

Box Office: 023 8055 1489

16th - 20th May - Maskers Studio

22nd - 24th May - Salberg Theatre, Salisbury

**Whale Music** by Anthony Minghella

Directed by Harry Tuffill

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16th - 26th July 2008

Outdoor venue to be confirmed

**The Comedy of Errors**

By William Shakespeare

Directed by Brian Stansbridge

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# the maskers theatre company

## The Accrington Pals

By Peter Whelan

Directed by Ken Spencer



29th October - 3rd November 2007

## Director's Notes

The First World War created the modern world. A conflict of unparalleled ferocity which extended far beyond its European epicentre, it destroyed the century of relative peace and prosperity which we associate with the Victorian era and unleashed the demons of the twentieth century — pestilence, military destruction and mass death. The ideas it spawned continue to shape our world today — modernism in the arts, new approaches to psychology and medicine, and radical thinking about economics and society.

Peter Whelan's lyrical, absorbing play, premiered by the RSC, is set in Accrington during 1914-16. The 'Pals' are the men from the local volunteer battalion who march high-spiritedly off to the Great War with their experiences in the trenches contrasted with those of the women left behind.

At times funny, at times sad, it paints a moving and powerful picture of the changes in civilian life during wartime.

Ken Spencer

**The play is set in various locations—on manoeuvres in England, on the Somme and in the streets of Accrington**

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

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RAODS

## THE CAST

In order of appearance

Tom	Pete Burrows
May	Ellie de Beer
Arthur	Ian Wilson
Reggie	Gareth Price
Ralph	James Norton
Eva	George Moody
Annie	Sarah Spencer
Sarah	Hayley Cheesworth
Bertha	Hannah Stansbridge
The CSM	Albie Minns

## PRODUCTION TEAM

Director	Ken Spencer
Production Manager	Angie Stansbridge
Stage Management Team	Elizabeth Davies, Alison Tebbutt
Scenic design and painting	Ken Spencer, Roger Lockett, Graham Buchanan
Lighting design	David Ilsley
Sound	Jamie McCarthy, Geoff Grandy
Music	Lou Stonehill
Costumes	Christine Baker, Sheana Carrington
Props and furniture	Ella Lockett, Gill Buchanan
Publicity and Programme	Angie Stansbridge
Box Office	Christine and Paul Baker
Front of House	Julia Jupp and members