

**Future Maskers Productions:**

**Harlequinade**

by Terence Rattigan  
at The Maskers Studio

for one night only - 18 March 2008

Box Office: 023 80551489

(ticket price includes a fork supper)

*(the Maskers will also be presenting this one-act play  
at the Totton Festival of Drama on 13 March 2008)*

**Whale Music**

by Anthony Minghella  
at The Maskers Studio

19-24 May 2008

Box Office: 023 80551489

**Hello Hamptworth - Goodbye Mottisfont...**

**A Comedy of Errors**

by William Shakespeare

will be performed in the open air at a new venue

Hamptworth Lodge, Landford

16-26 July 2008

Box Office: [Ticketssouth.co.uk](http://Ticketssouth.co.uk) or 023 8071 1818

**The Beggars Opera**

An adaptation of John Gay's play

at The Maskers Studio

20-25 October 2008

Become a Friend of The Maskers and receive  
regular updates of our productions

Details from the Maskers Box Office: 023 80551489

or visit our website : [www.maskers.org.uk](http://www.maskers.org.uk)

Registered Charity no. 900067



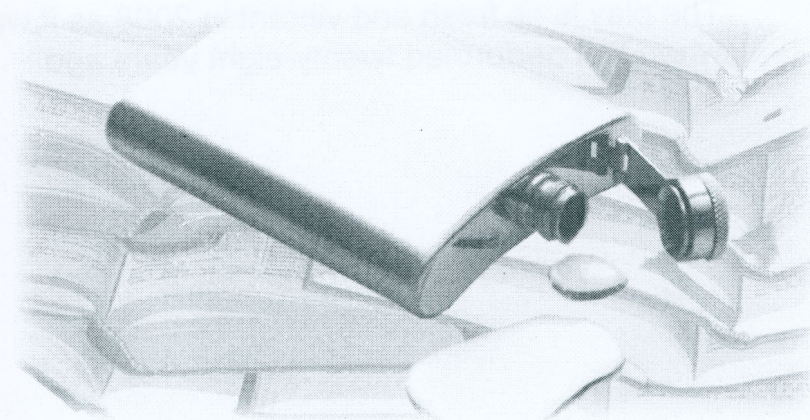
**the  
maskers  
theatre  
company**

***Educating Rita***

***By***

***Willy Russell***

**Directed by Ken Hann**



**10th March -15th March 2008**



## Notes from the Director

Educating Rita was first performed by the RSC in 1980 and has been a firm favourite ever since.

The play explores the relationship between two people of different cultures and different academic backgrounds who meet with what seems to be a common purpose. The influence is not, however, all one way. Rita has as great an impact upon Frank as he does upon her, perhaps even more so. They often don't understand each other but each fills a need in the other. Their interplay and repartee bring brilliant humour to very serious issues.

Willy Russell makes their discussions both engaging and entertaining. He decided to update the script in 2003 to ensure it remains relevant to a twenty-first century audience. It is this revised script that you will see tonight.

The play is as fresh and vibrant in 2008 as it was when first performed twenty-eight years ago.

### Ken Hann

## Cast

Frank  
Rita

Steve Clark  
Joanna Iacovou

Time: The present.

The action takes place in Frank's study in a Victorian-built northern university.

There will be an interval of 15 minutes  
(patrons are advised to pre-order drinks)

## Production Team

Director	Ken Hann
Director's Assistant	Rachael Courage
Production Manager	Ellie Hawkins
Stage Manager	Carl Read
Sound	James Norton
Lighting	James Cosier
Properties	Adam Taussik
Costume	Kay Hann
Flyer Design	Anja McCloskey
Programme Design	Sarah Russell
Marketing & Publicity	Sarah Russell
	Ian Morley
	Geoff & Pam Cook
Printing	Geoff Wharam
Photography	Clive Weeks

Our thanks to: Gill Buchanan, Greg White, Kathryn Salmon, Geoff Grandy, Steve Cosier. Thanks also to Allegra Carlton, Brian Reynolds, Mike Pack at the University of Southampton, Tom Taussik and the cast and crew for the loan of props.

*All empty whisky bottles were provided by the Bitterne Malt Whisky Appreciation Society.*