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TEDDINGTON THEATRE CLUB PRESENTS AN AMATEUR PRODUCTION
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Handbagged

By Moira Buffini

Directed by Ben Clare

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Author's Biography

Writer **Moira Buffini** is a playwright and screenwriter. Her plays include *Gabriel* (UK tour), *Wonder.land* (with music by Damon Albarn, National Theatre/Manchester International Festival), *Welcome to Thebes*, *A Vampire Story* (National Theatre), *Dying for It*, *Marianne Dreams* (Almeida Theatre), *Dinner* (National Theatre/West End), *Loveplay* (Barbican), *Silence* (Birmingham Rep), *Blavatsky's Tower* (Machine Room) and *Jordan* (BAC/Gate Theatre). She has won the LWT Plays On Stage Award (1997) and the Meyer Whitworth Award (1998).

TV includes *Harlots*. Films include *The Dig*, *Viceroy's House*, *Byzantium*, *Jane Eyre* and *Tamara Drewe*.

Did you know? ***Handbagged*** was originally written as a one act play and first performed in 2010. The writer expanded it into a full-length play in 2013, when it premiered at The Tricycle Theatre Kilburn (now the Kiln) before transferring to the West End.

Main Character – Biographies



Elizabeth Alexandra Mary Windsor

Born: 21st April 1926, Mayfair, London

Parents: King George VI and Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon

Sibling: Margaret

Spouse: Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

Children: Charles, Anne, Andrew, Edward

Education: Privately at home

Occupations: Auxiliary Territorial Service, Queen of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth Realms (from 1952)



Margaret Hilda Thatcher (née Roberts)

Born: 13th October 1925, Grantham, Lincolnshire

Parents: Alfred (owner of 2 grocery shops) and Beatrice Roberts

Siblings: Muriel

Spouse: Denis Thatcher

Children: Mark, Carol

Education: Kesteven and Grantham Girls' School, Somerville College, Oxford and Inns of Court School of Law.

Occupations: Research Chemist, Barrister, MP for Finchley, Education Secretary, Leader of the Conservative Party, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom (1979 - 1990)

Cast

T – an older Margaret Thatcher	Jane Marcus
Q – an older Queen Elizabeth II	Tracy Frankson
Mags – a younger Margaret Thatcher	Helen Geldert
Liz – a younger Queen Elizabeth II	Heather Stockwell
Actor 1	Lizzie Lattimore
Actor 2	Jim Trimmer

Production Team

Director	Ben Clare
Production Manager	Janey Elgey
Deputy Production Manager	Steve Wayman
Stage Manager	Harri Osborne
Assistant Stage Managers	Inara Stamp
	Kathryn Smith
Set Design, Build & Projection	Patrick Troughton
Set Build	Wesley Henderson Roe
	Fiona Auty
	Alan Corbett
	Rob Foot
Wardrobe	Zoe Harvey-Lee
Lighting Design	Mike Elgey
Lighting Operator	Rob Foot
Sound	John Pyle
Voice Coach	Lizzie Lattimore
Artistic Link	Daniel Wain
Photographer	Cath Messum

Special Thanks

Heather Stockwell for her guidance on make-up
Rob Thirtle for his help as Chief Television Builder
John Gilbert for his help
Kim Jackson and the box office team and all our dedicated and hard-working front
of house volunteers

PLEASE NOTE:

Running time is 2 hours 25 minutes, including interval
There will be a loud explosion during the production

Timeline

The play takes us back to between 1979 and 1990 in Buckingham Palace, Number 10 Downing Street and many other locations.

1979

May: - Margaret Thatcher elected first female PM in landslide Conservative party election victory



July: - £4bn worth of public spending cuts announced

Aug: - Thatcher & The Queen attend Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Zambia.

Ongoing civil war continues between white minority and black majority in Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe)

- IRA murder Queen's cousin Lord Mountbatten, Prince Philip's uncle.

- 18 British soldiers killed at Warrenpoint in NI.



Sep: - British Leyland announces MG car production to finish – Abingdon plant closure

Nov: - Government announces £3.5bn public spending cuts and prescription charge increase

- Miners go on strike for 65% pay rise, rejecting 20% offer

- *The Times* newspaper published after 1 yr+ dispute over staffing and new technology.

1980

Jan: - Republican Ronald Reagan elected US President

Feb: - Thatcher announces that state benefit to strikers will be halved
BBC Political satire *Yes, Minister* first aired

May: - SAS storm Iranian Embassy building, killing 5 of the 6 terrorists; all hostages freed

- Inflation rises to 21.8%

Jun: - US nuclear cruise missiles to be located at RAF Greenham Common in Berks.

Jul: - Miners ignore pleas from Thatcher to suppress wage claims, demanding 37% pay rise

Aug: - Unemployment now stands at 2m for the first time since 1935.

Sep: - First CND rally at RAF Greenham Common

Oct: - 1980 Housing Act gives council tenants right to buy their home from local council at discount

- Thatcher makes "The lady's not for turning" speech to party conference after Tory MP's warn her economic policy is responsible for current recession and rising unemployment

- Ousted Labour PM James Callaghan resigns as party leader after 4½ years

- Thatcher declares government will not give in to Maze prison IRA hunger strikers

Nov: - Michael Foot elected Leader of the Labour Party

Dec: - John Lennon shot dead in New York City.



1981

Jan: - Thatcher and Rupert Murdoch meet secretly, 'facilitating' his subsequently successful bid for The Times

- Limehouse Declaration: 'Gang of Four' Labour moderates: Williams, Jenkins, Rodgers and Owen, announce new

political party – Social Democratic Party (SDP); 9 more MPs follow

Feb: - National Coal Board announces widespread pit closures

- Thatcher arrives in Washington, D.C. for 4-day visit to U.S. President Reagan

Mar: - 13 years after his 'rivers of blood' speech, Enoch Powell, Ulster Unionist MP (formerly a Conservative until 1974) warns of 'racial civil war' in Britain



- May:** - 100,000+ people from across UK march to Trafalgar Square in TUC's March for Jobs
- Jun:** - Marcus Sarjeant fires 6 blank cartridges at The Queen on Horse Guards Parade
- Unemployment reaches 2.68m (one in nine of the workforce)
- Jul:** - Hundreds of Asian people and skinheads riot in Southall, London, following disturbances at the Hamborough Tavern pub. Rioting breaks out in more than 20 other cities across UK
- Thatcher announces police can use rubber bullets, water cannons & armoured vehicles against rioters. Foot blames rioting on government's economic policies causing unemployment
- Wedding of Prince Charles to Lady Diana Spencer
- Sep:** - Greenham Common Women's Peace Camp set up to protest nuclear missile storage.
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1982

- Jan:** - Thatcher's son Mark disappears in the Sahara for 4 days during Paris-Dakar rally
- UK unemployment passes 3m for first time since the 1930's
- Apr:** - Navy task force sets sail from Portsmouth to the Falklands, following Argentine invasion
- Conservatives return to top of opinion polls for 1st time since 1979
- May-Jun:** - Falklands war: Nuclear sub HMS Conqueror sinks Argentine cruiser General Belgrano; HMS Ardent & HMS Coventry sunk by Argentine Aircraft; HMS Antelope explodes; Goose Green land battle
- British paratroopers defeat larger Argentine force. War ends with Argentine surrender. At London victory parade, Thatcher ignores protocol taking military salute rather than The Queen
- Jun:** - Ronald & Nancy Reagan attend Windsor Castle. He rides on horseback with The Queen
- Prince William is born
- Jul:** - Michael Fagan apprehended after breaking into Palace royal bedroom



- Sep:** - Nigel Lawson announces no industry to be state-owned without an 'overwhelming' case
- Nov:** - 4th terrestrial TV channel, Channel 4, begins broadcasting. Its first broadcast programme is Countdown. Another flagship programme is Brookside
- Dec:** - 30,000 women form a human chain around the nine mile Greenham Common perimeter fence.
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1983

- Jan:** - British Nationality Act 1981 comes into effect, creating five classes of British nationality
- Feb:** - Unemployment stands at a record high of 3.225m
- Mar:** - Queen and Prince Philip visit the Reagans in California
- Budget raises tax allowances, and cuts taxes by £2 bn.
- Apr:** - 14 mile human chain formed protesting US nuclear bases being located at UK military sites
- Jun:** - Conservatives re-elected with landslide 144 seat majority in General Election
- Jul:** - MPs vote 361–245 against reinstatement of death penalty, 18 years after its abolition
- Sep:** - NHS privatises cleaning, catering & laundering services in bid to save between £90-180m/yr.
- Oct:** - Neil Kinnock elected leader of Labour Party following retirement of Michael Foot
- Over 1m people demonstrate against nuclear weapons at a CND march in London
- Nov:** - 1st US cruise missiles arrive at Greenham Common amidst Peace Camp protests
- Gerry Adams takes office as elected leader of Sinn Féin
- Dec:** - IRA car bomb kills three police, three members of public and injures 90 outside Harrods London store.
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1984

Feb: - 1st screening of TV satirical series Spitting Image, using crude political puppet caricatures



Mar: - NUM Miners' strike begins against backdrop of Thatcher government intent on reforming nationalised industries, including closure of most of UK's remaining coalmines

Apr: - Libyan Embassy Siege, London: Lone gunman kills WPC Yvonne Fletcher - 11 others injured

Jun: - NUM President Arthur Scargill arrested and charged with obstruction at violent confrontation between police and pickets at a steel coking plant in Orgreave, S. Yorks.



Jul: - Robert Maxwell buys the Daily Mirror for £113.4m.

- Trade Union Act prohibits unions from striking without a ballot

Oct: - Brighton hotel bombing: Provisional IRA attempts to assassinate the cabinet. Thatcher unharmed; MP Anthony Berry and 4 others killed. Minister Norman Tebbit is trapped among the rubble and his wife Margaret is seriously injured.

Dec: - British Telecom privatised

- Soviet Union politician Mikhail Gorbachev visits Britain.

1985

Jan: - Thatcher is the first post-war PM to be publicly refused Oxford University honorary degree

Mar: - UK Miners' Strike, involving up to 142,000 mineworkers, ends after 1 year

Jul: - Live Aid concerts in London & Philadelphia raise >£50m for Ethiopian famine relief



Sep: - Racially motivated rioting erupts in Handsworth Birmingham, with two deaths & 35 injured

- Thatcher's hopes of winning 3rd term thrown into doubt by opinion polls showing Conservatives 3rd on 30%, Labour 2nd on 33% and SDP-Liberal alliance 1st on 35%

- A riot in Brixton erupts after an accidental shooting of a woman by police. One person dies, 50 are injured and >200 arrested

Nov: - CBI calls for government to invest £1bn in unemployment relief, which would cut unemployment by 350,000 and potentially bring it below 3m for the first time since late 1981.

1986

Jan: - Michael Heseltine resigns as Defence Secretary over Westland affair and Thatcher infighting

Feb: - UK signs the Single European Act, aimed at establishing a Single Market by 1992

Mar: - The GLC is abolished, as are the metropolitan county councils of W. Midlands, Greater Manchester, Merseyside, Tyne & Wear, W. Yorks. and S. Yorks.

- US bombs Libya, its aircraft flying out from UK Lakenheath airbase

Apr: - Journalist John McCarthy kidnapped in Beirut, where three other hostages are found dead. Revolutionary Cells (RZ) claims responsibility as revenge for recent US bombing of Libya

- Rioting erupts overnight in prisons across UK; dozens of prisoners escape

May: - Labour makes large local council election gains, with 37% of the votes vs 34% for Conservatives

Jun: - Ian Paisley's DUP stage protest at dissolution of NI Assembly

Jul: - Rioting breaks out between Protestants and Catholics at Portadown

- Unemployment rises to 3.22m, now exceeding 3m for nearly 5 years.

- Prince Andrew, Duke of York, marries Sarah Ferguson

Jul-Aug: - Commonwealth Games are held in Edinburgh

Aug: - Economists warn of imminent global recession barely 5 years after previous one



- The millionth UK council house sold, 7 years after right to buy scheme launched

- Oct:** - Queen & Prince Philip make 1st ever royal visit to People's Republic of China
- Thatcher opens the completed M25, the 1st section of which opened in 1975, covering 122 miles, featuring 31 junctions; but no service stations yet
- Nov:** - Chancellor Nigel Lawson announces a £4.6bn rise in public spending



- Government launches £20m campaign to warn the public about the dangers of AIDS
- Dec:** - British Gas shares floated on Stock Exchange; largest initial public offering ever at £9bn
- Announced that unemployment fell to a 4-year low of less than 3.1m.
- Highest audience of all time (>30m) for a UK TV drama is attracted by Christmas Day episode of EastEnders, in which Den Watts serves divorce papers on his wife Angie.
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1987

- Jan:** - Prince Edward leaves Royal Marines just three months after joining
- Feb:** - British Airways privatised and listed on London Stock Exchange
- Apr:** - MPs vote strongly against restoration of death penalty for the 2nd time this decade
- Jun:** - Thatcher secures 3rd term, but with reduced majority. High-profile election casualties include: Roy Jenkins (ex Labour Home Secretary) and Enoch Powell. 4 ethnic minority candidates successful: Diane Abbott, Paul Boateng, Bernie Grant & Keith Vaz. Former PM Callaghan retires
- Jul:** - The Channel Tunnel is given the go-ahead
- Aug:** - One person a day in Britain is now reported to be dying of AIDS
- Oct:** - Black Monday: Wall Street crash wipes £50bn off London shares
- Nov:** - 11 people killed by IRA bomb at Enniskillen Remembrance Day service
- Unemployment falls to 2.7m, lowest level recorded in UK for over 6 years.



- Government announces the Poll tax (community charge) will be introduced in April 1990
 - Conservative support has reached 50% in a MORI poll for the first time.
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1988

- Jan:** - Thatcher becomes longest-serving UK PM this century, following 8 years 244 days in power
- Arthur Scargill re-elected Leader of the NUM by a narrow majority
- Feb:** - Reported that >50% of men and 80% of women working full-time in London, are earning less than the lowest sum needed to buy cheapest houses in the capital
- Thousands of nurses & co-workers on picket lines as they strike against inadequate NHS funding
- Mar:** - SDP & Liberals merge to form SDLP. Interim leaders David Steel & Robert Maclennan
- Reported that year-on-year house prices rose by 16.9%
- Prince Charles narrowly avoids death in Swiss avalanche; companion Major Hugh Lindsay dies
- Plans unveiled to build Europe's tallest skyscraper at Canary Wharf, at a £3bn cost
- Apr:** - Government announces £794m of Treasury funding for nurses to receive a 15% pay rise
- May:** - Unemployment now below 2.5m for the first time since early 1981
- Jul:** - Paddy Ashdown elected as first Leader of the SDLP
- Education Reform Act: Grant-maintained schools and Local Management means schools can be taken out of direct control of local govt.; National Curriculum with Key Stages; an element of parental preference in choice of schools; and published league tables of exam results.
- Aug:** - Six British soldiers killed and 27 others injured by an IRA bomb near Belfast
- Sep:** - House price boom reported to be slowing as a result of increased mortgage rates
- Nov:** - Government report reveals that up to 50,000 people in Britain may be HIV positive, and that by the end of 1992, up to 17,000 people may have died from AIDS

- Dec:**
- Health Minister Edwina Currie resigns after provoking outrage, stating that most of Britain's egg production is infected with salmonella, causing an immediate decrease in egg sales
 - Last shipbuilding facilities on Wearside, once world's largest, close with loss of 2,400 jobs
 - Pan Am Flight 103 explodes over the town of Lockerbie, killing a total of 270 people.
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1989

- Jan:**
- Muslims demonstrate in Bradford against Salman Rushdie's book *The Satanic Verses*. Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini places a fatwa on him; Iran break off diplomatic talks with UK
- Feb:**
- Sky TV begins broadcasting as the first satellite service in Britain
- Apr:**
- 96 people killed and 766 injured at Hillsborough – UK's worst ever sporting disaster
- May:**
- Unemployment is now below 2m for the first time since 1980
- Jun:**
- Labour wins 45 of Britain's 78 constituencies in the European parliamentary elections, with Conservatives gaining 32 seats. This is the first national election won by Labour for 15 years
 - Race riots erupt in Dewsbury, W. Yorks., following a protest against the Islamic community by far-right BNP, formed 7 years ago as a splinter group from the National Front
- Jul:**
- House prices in the south of England have fallen for the second successive quarter, but are continuing to rise in Scotland and the north of England.
- Aug:**
- The Marchioness pleasure cruiser collides with a barge in the Thames killing 51 people
 - Buckingham Palace confirms Princess Anne & Mark Phillips to separate after 16 years of marriage
- Sep:**
- Nigel Lawson replaced by John Major as Chancellor; Douglas Hurd becomes Foreign Secretary
- Oct:**
- The SDLP are renamed the Liberal Democrats
- Nov:**
- British Army & RAF troops now manning London's ambulance services providing strike cover

- Thatcher visits Berlin the day after the fall of the Wall, which reunified Germany after 28 years

- The House of Commons is televised live for the first time

- 69-yr old backbencher Sir Anthony Meyer challenges Thatcher's leadership, fearing that the party will lose the next election. Her leadership had never been challenged in almost 15 years as leader



Dec: - Thatcher, along with US President George Bush and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, declare the end of the Cold War after 40 years
- The Labour Party abandons its policy on closed shop union policy.

1990

Feb: - UK and Argentina restore diplomatic relations after 8 years

- Economists warn that house prices could fall by up to 10% this year

Mar: - 37 people arrested and 10 police officers injured in Brixton, London during Poll Tax riots

- Ambulance crew dispute ends after 6 months as workers agree to 17.6% pay rise

- 200,000 protest the Poll Tax in London riots, a week before its official introduction

May: - Inflation now stands at 9.4%, the highest level for 8 years

Jul: - IRA bomb explodes at the base of the London Stock Exchange Tower

Aug: - Thatcher announces her desire for a new Magna Carta guaranteeing basic rights for all European citizens

- MORI poll shows Labour has a 15-point lead over the Conservatives with 50% of the vote; support for the LibDems has doubled to 10% over last 7 months

Sep: - Thatcher joins John Major and others, in denying that UK economy is slumping into recession, despite bankruptcies and biggest drop in manufacturing output since 1982

Oct: - Pound sterling joins the European Exchange Rate Mechanism

Nov: - Labour Leader Neil Kinnock, now the longest serving opposition leader in UK political history (since Oct '83), announces his support for adoption of a single European currency.



- Geoffrey Howe makes dramatic resignation speech in the Commons, attacking Thatcher's hostility towards the European Community, delivering a coup de grace against her leadership. Former cabinet minister Heseltine announces he will challenge Thatcher's leadership
 - CBI confirms the whole of UK is now in recession; every region reporting a fall in output
 - Major job cuts reported at the Rover Group, Britain's largest independent carmaker
 - Thatcher fails to win outright victory in a Conservative party leadership contest
 - Thatcher announces her resignation as Leader of the Party and therefore as PM, having been Party leader for >15 years and PM for >11 years (longest serving PM of 20th century)
 - John Major is elected Conservative Party leader becoming new PM, defeating Douglas Hurd and Michael Heseltine. At 47, he is the youngest PM of the 20th century
 - Major is officially appointed PM by The Queen, as Thatcher officially tenders her resignation, leaving 10 Downing Street for the last time.
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2013

8 April: - Margaret Thatcher dies aged 87.



Cast Biographies



Jane Marcus - T

Jane was somewhat taken aback when her family all nodded in agreement that playing Margaret Thatcher wouldn't be much of a stretch for her at all. Despite this view, Jane has enjoyed the hugely challenging task of playing 'The Iron Lady' throughout her controversial years in power. Jane was last seen at RSS as Bette Davis in *Bette and Joan*. Roles at TTC have included Stevie in Hugh Whitmore's eponymous play, Elinor Glyn in *The Cat's Meow*, Sara Turing in *Breaking The Code*, Myra in *Colder Than Here* and a reindeer in *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*.

Tracy is enjoying the challenge of shaking off the mantle of her previous role as a 16th century Queen of England and transforming into modern royalty for this show. However, she's not sure whether to be chuffed or dismayed at being cast as the *ageing* Queen! She has now been a member of TTC for over 20 years. Her favourite roles include Trixie Martin in *Daisy Pulls It Off*, wheelchair-bound Girl in *Just Afloat*, pollen-struck Dorothy in *Stepping Out*, lovelorn Catherine Sloper in *The Heiress*, the exuberant 'OAP' Celia in *Love Me Slender*, bookworm Beryl in *From Here to the Library* and Laura in *Still Life*.



Tracy Frankson - Q



Helen Geldert -
Mags

Helen still bears the emotional scars of being likened to a 'young Margaret Thatcher' in her student days following a spiky hair cut that went disastrously bouffant. She consoled herself by practising 'the voice' in secret and the seeds were sown.... Helen has acted for TTC in *Regina Monologues* (Cathy/Aragon), *After Electra* (Haydn), *Under Milk Wood* (Polly Garter), *Sleeping Beauty* (Queenie), *Dinner* (Wynne), 'Allo 'Allo (Mimi) and *Present Laughter* (Daphne). Other TTC productions are *Cinderella* (MD). Other appearances at Hampton Hill Theatre include *Talking Heads* (Bed Among the Lentils), *A Little Night Music* (Mrs. Nordstrum), *God of Carnage* and *A Woman of No Importance* (Rachel).

Heather has previously performed for TTC in the role of Fairy Godmother in *Cinderella*. Heather recently played Tracy Lord in *High Society* at Richmond Theatre for BROS. Her other roles with BROS include Jolene Oaks in *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* (Minack Theatre), Maggie Jones in *42nd Street* (Richmond Theatre), Catherine in *Pippin* (HHT), Donna/Oolie in *City of Angels* (HHT). In her teens Heather had ballet lessons with the late Madame Monzani, who taught ballet and ballroom dancing to the young Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret at Buckingham Palace. Madame used to love telling stories of how they had to move lessons to Windsor Castle during the War. Heather hopes her department will be up to scratch in this production!



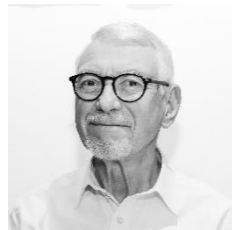
Heather Stockwell
- Liz



Lizzie Lattimore –
Actor 1

After finding herself onstage rather than backstage, Lizzie is thoroughly delighted to be working alongside this most talented cast and crew. Most recently Lizzie has been co-set designing and constructing for TTC, working on productions as diverse as *Pink Mist* and *Breaking the Code*, to full scale stage sets for *Rent* and *The Turn of the Screw*. Lizzie can also be found occasionally behind a tech desk, doing various roles for different groups. Lizzie is a Trustee for YAT and will be directing the group this summer on their fifth foray to The Edinburgh Festival, performing *Sense & Sensibility*.

Jim hasn't been able to stay away from HHT these past few years. Following *Revolutionary Witness*, *Boy Gets Girl* and *Under Milk Wood* in the studio, *Dick Barton Special Agent*, *A View from the Bridge*, *The Real Inspector Hound* and *Dick Whittington* in the main house, he's working with TTC royalty (again) in a smart, funny and still relevant piece of theatre which he is sure you will enjoy.



Jim Trimmer –
Actor 2

Production Team Biographies

Ben Clare – Director

For TTC, Ben has directed Crimp's *The City and The Country*, Ayckbourn's *Private Fears in Public Places*, Frayn's *Alphabetical Order*, Lorca's *The House of Bernarda Alba*, R.D. Macdonald's *Summit Conference* (Swan Award for Best Production of a Play) and *The Birthday Party* by Pinter. Ben's other directing credits include Chekhov's *The Seagull* and Osborne's *Look Back in Anger* at Putney Arts Theatre and Priestley's *Time and the Conways* at New Wimbledon Studio. Ben is also a playwright and his most recent play *Keepers* premiered at OSO Arts Centre in Barnes in 2018.

Janey Elgey – Production Manager

Janey has been at TTC for a while and has been Production Manager on numerous shows, including *The Rise and Fall of Little Voice*, *Privates on Parade*, *Rent*, *Betrayal*, *Equus*, *Breaking the Code*, *A Streetcar Named Desire*, *A View From the Bridge*, *Pink Mist* and *Stones in His Pockets* all for TTC, as well as *La Cage Aux Folles* for BROS.

Steve Wayman – Deputy Production Manager

Steve is a self-confessed theatre-addict, but this is his debut involvement in a TTC production, and who better to be showing him the ropes than the immensely experienced and ebullient Janey? As well as his production duties on *Handbagged*, Steve has been running the recent TTC Member Survey, and is part of the new box office team.

Harri Osborne – Stage Manager

Harri has always been excited by all things theatre and also loves all things HHT. Trained with a degree in Drama and Physical Theatre she now focuses her talents on stage management. Harri's latest shows with TTC include *The Winter's Tale* and *Frankie and Johnny in the Clair de Lune*.

Patrick Troughton – Set Design, Build & Projection

Patrick spent many years playing jazz across the UK and Europe in a Glenn Miller style jazz orchestra so is used to being on stage. However, these days he is more often spotted backstage working on set design, lighting, sound and stage crew. Having previously worked for the Beck Theatre in Hayes, he's now a regular part of the team at TTC, where his recent contributions include *The Winter's Tale*, *Dick Whittington*, *The Ruling Class* and *A View from the Bridge*.

Zoe Harvey-Lee – Wardrobe

Zoe couldn't resist the call to costume a show with an accessory in the title, and rise to the challenge of dressing two of the most iconic female figures in recent history, both of whom very carefully manipulated their public image through dress. Zoe has worked extensively over the last ten years with TTC, most recently on *Pink Mist*, and has found this current production a very interesting insight into the art of power dressing.

Mike Elgey - Lighting Design

Mike's great depth of experience as a Lighting Designer and BAT Link for TTC goes back more than four decades, with most recent lighting credits including *Pink Mist*, *Stones in his Pockets*, *A View from the Bridge*, *Under Milk Wood*, *Jerusalem* and *A Streetcar Named Desire*.

Rob Foot - Lighting Operator

Rob has been a member of TTC for eight years and has worked in many productions including *Pravda*, *Privates on Parade*, *The Rat in the Skull*, *Someone to Watch Over Me*, and more recently, the excellent production of *Pink Mist*.

John Pyle - Sound

John is a member of several local groups and has been involved in a wide range of productions both on and offstage. His singing career began at no less than the Royal Opera House when he was a child so it comes as no surprise that he is an accomplished sound designer and technician. Within the last two years he has added the following to his sound design portfolio: *Breadcrumbs*, *The Ruling Class*, *The Collector*, *Frankie and Johnny in the Clare de Lune*, *Red Peppers*, *Still Life*, *The Mercy Seat* and *The Winter's Tale*.



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