



## LEEDS ARTS CENTRE

**PRESENTS** 



## Upstairs @ the Carriageworks

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November to Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2005 at 7.30pm





Leeds Arts Centre is an amateur dramatic society founded in 1945. We have members from all walks of life, including people who have worked in the theatre, others who hope to make a career on the stage, and many who are very happy to remain amateurs. We are a very friendly society, working together to maintain the high standards for which our productions are known, and we always aim to enjoy ourselves. We produce four plays each year at the Civic Theatre, as well as **Green Room** productions to help members develop their acting, directing and production skills.

#### New members are always welcome

If you are interested in acting, directing, designing or making scenery or costumes, helping backstage with stage management or props, or lending a hand with publicity, then why not speak to one of our members front of house this evening, or in the theatre bar after the show?

You can also write, with contact telephone number, for further information to:

The Secretary
Leeds Arts Centre
c/o The Carriageworks
Millennium Square
Leeds LS2 3AD
or e-mail us at:
publicity@leedsartscentre.org.uk

#### **Director's Notes**

# TWO by Jim Cartwright

The play covers one evening in a northern bar during which we meet a collection of characters. Either through duologue or monologue, each share with the audience details of the crisis he or she is experiencing in a relationship, crises which vary in nature and degree. These discrete performances are cleverly linked by an episodic sequence of scenes between the Landlord and the Landlady who have problems of their own. As evidence of this intensifies, and an understanding of the nature of the problem dawns, the play reaches its climax followed by the ultimate resolution of the problem.

The fact that all the customers are played by the two central performers (hence the play title) enhances the context in which their own crisis is acted out, while one character, the little boy, precipitates the eventual acknowledgements required for the final reconciliation.

The play is laced with humour which intensifies the contrasting tragedies, preparing the audience to share the devastation experienced by the Landlord and Landlady. The resolution, when it comes, is thus all the more powerful in its dramatic effect.

#### Martin Key

# Cast

Landlord

**Peter Sandles** 

understudy Graham Greensit

Landlady

Dawn Morris

understudy Margaret Davey

We have understudies for both parts in this production who are available to take the show on the road to other venues. If you would like to discuss the possibility of the cast performing (on an expenses only basis) for your organisation, church, charity etc to raise funds, please e mail our director Martin Key. (Martinhkey@aol.com).

# Production Team

Director Martin Key

Assistant Director & Prompt Deborah Sandles

Production Manager Rich Francis

Costumes Lucy Wright

Wardrobe Support Maggie Rhodes & LAC Team

Stage Manager Stephen Fryatt

Original Music & Soundtrack Yaron Hollander

Sound Operation Richard Key & Joe Butler

Lighting Laurie Ball / Shirley Broadbent

Front of House Tom Bailey, Peter Grocock &

Len Lumb

Poster Design Martin Key

The Running time of this production is approximately one hour forty five minutes; there will be no interval

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To find out more, contact our Publicity Officer at:

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To find out more about the activities and forthcoming productions of the Leeds Arts Centre visit our website at:

www.leedsartscentre.org.uk



### FORTHCOMING PRODUCTIONS

2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> February 2006 (Saturday matinee)

## A Woman of No Importance

Written by Mr. Oscar Wilde Directed by Mr. Gerry Armytage

27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> April 2006

### Straight and Narrow

By Jimmie Chinn Directed by Peter Sandles

21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> June 2006

# Billy Liar

By Keith Waterhouse & Willis Hall Directed by Rich Francis

The next Leeds Arts Guild Production at the Carriageworks

#### The Pelican

Presented by Pandemonium Drama Company

Upstairs @ the Carriageworks 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> December 2005 @ 8pm