



# Kissing Sid James

by Robert Farquhar

Directed by Pete Sandles

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2011





Leeds Arts Centre is a prestigious amateur theatre group founded in 1945. We are a friendly society, working together to maintain the high standards for which our productions are known. We produce four plays each year at the Carriageworks, as well as organising workshops to help members to develop their acting, directing and production skills.

We offer opportunities to all who are interested in becoming involved with any aspect of drama, including acting, directing, stage management, props, designing, costumes, lighting, sound, publicity and front of house.

#### 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?

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Millennium Square, Leeds LS2 3AD or e-mail us at: publicity@leedsartscentre.org.uk

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ROBERT FARQUHAR was selected from the BBC Writer's Room initiative NORTHERN EXPOSURE as one of five writers from the Liverpool area to develop a TV series idea mentored by Tim Firth. He is currently working on a comedy drama series **Bigger Than Jesus** charting the return to Liverpool of a broken man left with nothing but his guitar.

He has written and directed numerous plays for his own company, PECCADILLO, and is now working on a two-parter for television *Happy Ever After* - a heart-pulling look the nature of romance when the 'romantic comedy' comes to an end - and a new comedy drama series idea *University Of Life*.

**Kissing Sid James** has had a number of hugely successful professional repertory productions including Unity Theatre Liverpool (premiere), Oldham Coliseum, Hull Truck and Bolton Octagon.

Robert Farquhar's other plays include **Gods Official**, **Dust to Dust**, **Almost Forever But**, and **Bad Jazz**. His first short film **The Autograph** was directed by Jimmy Ward and starred Robert Bathurst in the central role



# **Production Team**

Director Pete Sandles

Production Manager John Kendell

Stage Manager Steve Fryatt

Assistant Stage manager Chris Coates

Set Construction Pete Grocock

Steve Fryatt

Malcolm Brown & LAC members

Costumes Catherine Land

Properties Catherine Land &

Dena Marsh

Lighting Design & Operation Carriageworks technical

staff

Sound Recording Dave Gannon

Sound Operator Maria Kwater

Poster Design Dave Gannon

Front of House Manager Pam Wilson



## Cast

Eddie Robin Thornton

Crystal Rachel Vernelle

The Running time of this production is approximately two hours; there will be one interval of fifteen minutes during which the bar will be open

#### **Directors Note**

"Life and people are like onions! Certainly relationships are multilayered as is this delightful comedy, with its rollercoaster ride of emotions and events. So hold on tight."

Pete Sandles



#### Act One

Scene 1 Eddie and Crystal's homes

Scenes 2 & 3 A hotel bedroom in a northern

seaside resort

Scene 4 The beach

Scenes 5, 6 & 7 Back in the hotel bedroom

#### \*\*\* INTERVAL \*\*\*

#### Act Two

Scene 1 The same hotel bedroom

Scene 2 A nightclub

Scene 3 The karaoke stage of the nightclub

Scene 4 A series of images of the night

Scene 5 The pier

Scene 6 The hospital

Scene 7 The railway station



## Advertising & Sponsorship

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Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2011

# The Country Wife

by William Wycherley directed by Malcolm Brown

# Forthcoming LAC Production upstairs at the Carriageworks

29<sup>th</sup> June to 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2011

#### The Girlfriend Experience

by Alecky Blyth directed by Rob Sherwood

The next Leeds Civic Arts Guild production at the Carriageworks Wednesday 16th – Saturday 19th February 2011

Cosmopolitan Players present

Ladies' Day by Amanda Whittington

Leeds Youth Opera present

La Traviata , by Guiseppi Verdi