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In association with the authors and David Bownes
presents:

DIRTY DUSTING

AN HILARIOUS COMEDY BY ED WAUGH & TREVOR WOOD



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- 1992 Marreau and the African Moon
- 1993 Marreau and the Curse of Cardiff
D.F.C. / Moby Dick : Double Bill
- 1994 Marreau and the Bloody Carpet
Blithe Spirit
- 1995 Marreau and the Sword of Carthage
Sweeney Todd, The Demon Barber
- 1996 Farndale Avenue Macbeth
Marreau and the Clouds of Death
Party Piece
- 1997 The Importance of Being Earnest
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Farndale Avenue Christmas Carol
- 1998 Arsenic and Old Lace
A Murder Has Been Arranged
Marreau and the Chocolate Policeman
- 1999 How the Other Half Loves
Trivial Pursuits
- 2000 Habeas Corpus
They came from Mars Farndale Avenue
- 2001 Requiem for Marreau
- 2002 Lady Windermere's Fan
Marreau and the Tregalleon Inheritance
- 2003 Saving Ardley
Fish out of Water
- 2004 Marreau and the Terror of Tring
A Tomb with a View
- 2005 Lend Me A Tenor
- 2006 The Full Monty
Neville's Island
- 2007 An Inspector Calls
See How They Run
- 2008 Black Comedy / Darlings, You Were Wonderful! : Double Bill
Guards, Guards
- 2009 The History Boys
The Titfield Thunderbolt
- 2010 Glengarry Glen Ross
Marreau and the Grey Dagger
Damages
- 2011 The 39 Steps
The Rise & Fall of Little Voice
Hang On A Minute Lads I've Got A Great Idea
- 2012 Talking Heads
Jeffrey Bernard is Unwell
- 2013 Jerusalem
- 2014 Marreau and the Killer Rabbit
Journey's End
- 2015 The Ladykillers

DIRTY DUSTING

Cast in order of appearance

Elsie Collins **Regina Dobbs**
Gladys Pitt **Jenny Booth**
Olive Grant **Lindsay Stafford-Smith**
Dave Smith **Mike Code**

Crew

Directed, Produced
& Stage Managed by **Rob Farrow**
Assistant Stage Manager **Mike Code**
Light & Sound **Chris Cooper**
Set Construction **Ian & David Wells**
John Francis, Mike Code
Props, Costume & Make-up **The cast & crew**
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Programme & Publicity **Rob Farrow**
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DIRTY DUSTING

Acts & Scenes

All the scenes take place in a ground-floor office of Associated Useful Products Limited, somewhere in Dacorum

Act 1 Scene 1 - Friday Evening

Act 1 Scene 2 - Saturday Morning

An interval of 20 minutes

Act 2 Scene 1 - Sunday Morning

Act 2 Scene 2 - Sunday Afternoon

It has been a delight to direct this play, having such a dedicated and talented cast to work with. We have really enjoyed the rehearsals and hope that you enjoy the finished product. The play was suggested by our Treasurer, Ian, who saw it performed some years ago in the North East - which is where it was originally set. The authors kindly gave me permission to make some slight alterations to the script to make it fit better into our local surroundings.

This play follows "Othello" into this theatre, which was staged here last week, and it could hardly be a more different production - but Shakespeare would have recognized the characters in this play - and with its quite bawdy humour would have appreciated the jokes I am sure - his comedies were humorous commentaries on the society of the day, just as this play is ... though the language is perhaps a little less poetic!

It has made a pleasant change for me to direct a play that I haven't personally written, the last one being "Saving Ardley" back in 2003 - an alarming 12 years ago.

I hope you enjoy tonight's production and will come and see more Frayed Knot shows. In February we are putting on "Oscar" a musical about the life of the flamboyant Oscar Wilde; in April we will stage "One Man Two Guvnors" which is a brilliant comedy that has won rave reviews and numerous awards - I hope you will join us at both of these productions.

Rob Farrow

DIRTY DUSTING

The cast



Regina Dobbs - Elsie Collins

Regina always enjoys performing with Frayed Knot and has had great fun rehearsing this four-hander. Apart from appearing in eight of the Marreau plays she has also had numerous other rôles in Frayed Knot productions, and also famously played *Helga* in TFC's production of *'Allo 'Allo*. She hopes that you enjoy this fun play as much as she has enjoyed being part of the production.



Jenny Booth - Gladys Pitt

Playing yet another eccentric, slightly OTT old lady (can't think why I keep getting these parts) but when it is this much fun I am not complaining. I am just a girl who can't say "no"- at least when Rob is directing a show. He gets the nicest people to take part. The rehearsals have been a joy with a great and committed cast and despite what I am sure will be a magnificent performance, Mike is actually a lovely bloke. After all he made the coffee at every rehearsal. I hope you enjoy watching it as much as we have enjoyed rehearsing it. This is one of a great many plays I have done at The Court Theatre so I am not going to bore you with the details so just sit back and enjoy all the "dirty shenanigans"



Lindsay Stafford Smith - Olive Grant

Lindsay has played many roles in plays, musicals and operas and acted as musical director at Pendley and in other theatres over the years. She has also regularly performed her own satirical songs, monologues and doggerel on BBC radio and in a variety of other venues. Recent appearances include 'Murder on The Nile' and as composer and lyricist for 'Alice's Adventures', the pianist in 'Stepping Out' and Mrs. Wilberforce in 'The Ladykillers'. It is always a pleasure to work with such talented and dedicated performers as those involved with 'Dirty Dusting'. She hopes you enjoy it as much as she has.



Mike Code - Dave Smith

Mike has been performing at the court theatre for around a decade now and has been in umpteen performances, directed a few and even adapted Alice's adventures in Wonderland and through the looking glass for the stage. As an actor he's done everything from playing a janitor to Ebenezer Scrooge, from the sultan of Morocco in Dick Whittington to playing over forty different roles in 39 steps. Dirty dusting is yet another great play in the Court Theatre pantheon and Mike is proud to be part of it. He feels like he's finally been given a part in a "Carry On" film.

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