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# NEVILLES ISLAND



A comedy in thick fog  
by

Tim Firth

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## Neville's Island

Neville  
Gordon  
Angus  
Roy

Dan Clucas  
Mike Code  
Steve Berry  
Derek Rookley

The action of the play takes place on Rampsholme Island on Derwentwater in the Lake District.

Time – the present. November.

## Director's Notes

If it wasn't for the audiences that support The Court Theatre our town would not have the vibrant theatrical community it can currently boast. Amateur theatre is going from strength to strength at The Court whilst many surrounding venues are struggling. This is due almost entirely to the continued support of you, the audience and the commitment shown by each society's casts and production teams, so thank you.

Neville's Island is the second incredibly ambitious show that Frayed Knot has produced here this year – the first being the outrageous Full Monty! Neville's Island is similarly wickedly funny, and combines a leavening of genuine drama with four well-defined and meaty character roles; and no four-letter words or nudity this time – unless towels are accidentally dropped in the changing scene!

Four hapless, out-of-condition middle-aged business men are sent off on a team-building exercise in the Lake District and succeed in being the first people ever to get shipwrecked on an island in Derwentwater. Our cast has had enormous fun creating their characters - Neville the hapless team leader, Gordon a dour malcontent, obsessive compulsive Angus, and Roy the broken down born-again Christian. I didn't know the cast well before rehearsals commenced and yet I have no doubt that I picked the right men for the job...some of them have proved to have unnervingly similar personality traits (no names mentioned!) and given us plenty of scope for relentless teasing.

As a first time director I have been utterly humbled by the commitment, sheer hard work and energy of those supporting myself and this production. The piece has presented many challenges, calling as it does for numerous effects, highly unusual props, an area of water on stage and wet actors. We think we're mad, we probably are, so please, please at the very least do enjoy yourselves on this dank foggy island!

Naomi Glasser



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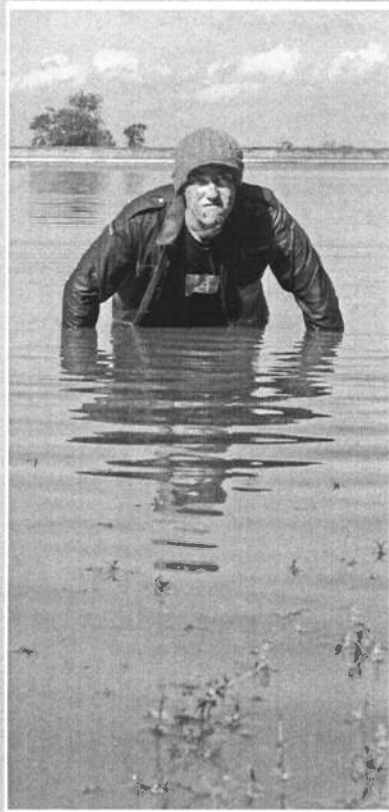






Name: Neville  
 Age: 48  
 Address: "Holme View"  
 Harpenden  
 Star sign: Libra  
 Job: Marketing Manager  
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 Hobbies: OO Gauge Railways  
 Real Ale

Dan has played Nathan Detroit in "Guys and Dolls" and Alfie in "Alfie" at the Court Theatre. Earlier this year Dan directed a production of The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe for the Berkhamsted Youth Theatre which was performed at the Court Theatre. Dan is delighted to be making his second appearance with Frayed Knot having appeared earlier this year in the hugely successful Full Monty.



Name: Gordon  
 Age: 35  
 Address: 4 Canal Side Apartments  
 Kings Langley  
 Star sign: Scorpio  
 Job: Production Manager  
 Ridgeway Spring Water  
 Hobbies: Fast cars  
 Rugby

Last seen in A Slice Of Saturday Night Mike returns for his second production at Pendley Theatre. This time around he is playing the villain of the piece. Gordon is a rude, sarcastic piece of work and as such a whole lot of fun to play. Mike says that he is immensely looking forward to being in this play and says 'buckle your seatbelts, you're in for one hell of a ride'.



Name: Angus  
 Age: 38  
 Address: "The Willows"  
 St Albans  
 Star sign: Aquarius  
 Job: Distribution Manager  
 Ridgeway Spring Water  
 Hobbies: Calligraphy  
 Antique collectibles

Steve has been very busy this year at the Court Theatre, appearing in Tring Festival Company's production of "Porridge" as the weasly, conniving Harris, as Tony Hancock in the Radio Revue, as the hippy Terry in "Slice of Saturday Night" and as the theatrical impresario Vincent Crummies in Prospect Theatre's "Nicholas Nickleby".



Name: Roy  
 Age: 36  
 Address: 8, Dacorum Road  
 Hemel Hempstead  
 Star sign: Pisces  
 Job: Finance Manager  
 Ridgeway Spring Water  
 Hobbies: Birdwatching  
 Christian Rock

Derek is immensely proud to be involved in this production, and has enjoyed every minute of the tour of local village halls during the rehearsal progress. He is pleased to be back at the court, where he was last seen as the lovable con "Fletch" in Porridge during the summer. Your next chance to buy him a beer will be at next month's Christmas Cabaret.

# Crew

Director	Naomi Glasser
Producer	Kate Blanchard
Voice Coach	Becky Wright
Stage Manager	Sarah Amsden
Assistant Stage Manager	Matt Bowles
Lighting	Dan Oswald and Jack Cotterill
Sound	JJ Stringer
Set Design	Lee Marsh
Set Construction	Nick Russon, Chris Barnett, Sylvie Carstairs Jamie Scott, James Lawrence, Dave Barratt
Front of House Manager	Keith Evans
Photography	Pete Benson
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# Previous Productions

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1992	Marreau and the African Moon		Marreau & the Chocolate Policeman
1993	Marreau and the Curse of Cardiff D.F.C./Moby Dick : Double Bill	1999	How the Other Half Loves Trivial Pursuits
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1996	Farndale...Macbeth Marreau and the Clouds of Death Party Piece	2002	Lady Windermere's Fan
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