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If you would like to become a patron, please get in touch with Martin Smith on 01902 651828 or studio61martin@gmail.com

PATRONS' EVENING: THURSDAY 17TH AUGUST 2023

In addition to cheese and crackers and the announcement of two pre-selected 2024 plays you will also be treated to a series of rehearsed play reading excerpts and given the opportunity to vote for your favourite as the Patrons' Choice production.



NIGEL SLATER'S TOAST

BY HENRY FILLOUX-BENNETT



28TH - 30TH MARCH 2023
NEWHAMPTON ARTS CENTRE

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This amateur production of "Nigel Slater's Toast" is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd. on behalf of Samuel French Ltd. www.concordtheatricals.co.uk

DIRECTOR'S NOTES



*Albert's statue in Queen's Square in September 1974.
Source: <http://www.historywebsite.co.uk/>*

in and around Wolverhampton including "the mon on the hoss".

The next landmark was the BBC film in 2010 featuring Ken Stott as Dad and Helena Bonham-Carter as Joan. The play adapted from the book by Henry Filloux-Bennett was only released for amateur performance late last year and I jumped at the chance to direct it for Studio 61.

I can't say directing the play has all been plain sailing, far from it. Due to changed circumstances our original Nigel had to stand down in early January and a replacement had to be found in double quick time. Thankfully, Zak Wadley stepped into



Helena Bonham-Carter as Joan and Freddie Highmore as Nigel Slater in Toast (2010)

I first read Nigel Slater's biography "Toast: The Story of a Boy's Hunger" when it was published in 2003. I loved the book and found it easy to identify with the descriptions of food and sweets from my childhood. It was also evocative of locations



Lizzie Muncey as Mum and Giles Cooper as Nigel Slater in Nigel Slater's Toast at The Other Palace Theatre

production. A special mention to my Assistant Director Jane Fosbrook who has managed to keep me sane during rehearsals.

Congratulations to Katie Hallam on lighting and sound. An extra special thanks to my overworked Props team, led manfully by David Bickley, who have managed admirably in what is without doubt the most 'props heavy' production I have ever been involved in.

Thanks also to Anna Wright, as our long suffering prompt and to Kevin Porter who is managing Front of House and is also Head of Sweet Distribution.

Finally many thanks to the technical team at NAC who have been so helpful in accommodating us at this venue.

I hope you enjoy this production as much as we have enjoyed bringing it to you.



*Percy W Salt, Butcher and Grocer.
Source: <https://www.blackcountryhistory.org/>*

the breach and has done a sterling job learning the huge amount of lines that Nigel delivers, in a short space of time.

I would like to thank the whole cast for their extremely hard work and the effort they have all put into this

RICHARD CORSER



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CAST

Nigel Zak Wadley

Mum/Mrs E. Sarah Carter

Fanny/Flinch 2/

Peggy/Ad 2 Jane Alsop

Dad/Lecturer/Savoy Chef Patrick Bentley

Josh/Warrel/Sam/

Michael/Stuart Benjamin Martin Savage

Waitress/Elvie/

Miss A/Rose Maggie Smith

Flinch 1/Ad 1 David Bickley

Joan/Janice/Minnie Emily Chell

Percy Salt/Len/Arnold Ken Towlson

Doreen/Tracey Nikki Ellis

CREW

Director Richard Corser

Assistant Director &

Stage Manager Jane Fosbrook

Prompt Anna Wright

Sound and Lighting Katie Hallam

Properties David Bickley

Ann Bickley

Anna Wright

Maz Taylor

Matthew Barnes

Costume Members of the company

Front of House Manager Kevin Porter

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The total running time will be approximately 150 minutes. This will include an interval of 15 minutes.

Please ensure that all mobile phones are turned off during the performance.

In the event of an emergency the front of house staff will guide you to the emergency exit.



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STUDIO 61'S 2023 SEASON

Nigel Slater's Toast

by Henry Filloux-Bennett

28th - 30th March 2023

A Midsummer Night's Dream

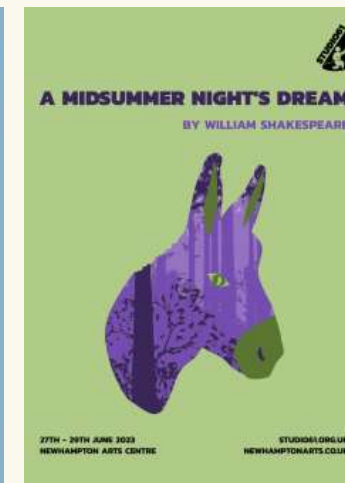
by William Shakespeare

27th - 29th June 2023

Picnic at Hanging Rock

by Joan Lindsay, adapted by Tom Wright

14th - 16th November 2023



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We meet twice a week on Mondays and Wednesdays at Bradmore Arms, Trysull Road from 7:30pm until 9:30pm.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

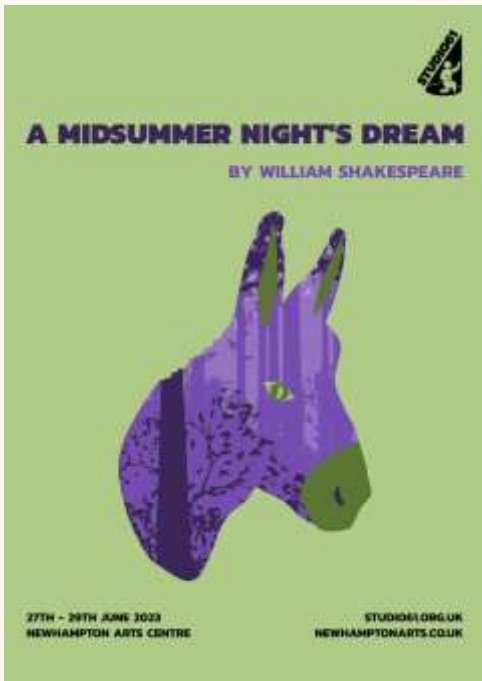
Studio 61's 2024 productions at NAC will be on the following dates:

Spring: 22nd - 24th March 2024

Summer: 28th - 30th June 2024

Winter: 12th - 14th November 2024

Plays will be announced on our social media pages later this year.



A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

by William Shakespeare

27th - 29th June 2023

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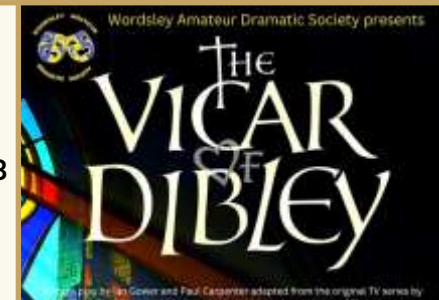
The Vicar of Dibley

by Ian Gower and Paul Carpenter

19th - 21st April & 19th - 20th May 2023

Box Office: 01384 270228

www.wordsleyamdram.co.uk



Stafford Players

A Month of Sundays

by Bob Larbey

9th - 13th May 2023

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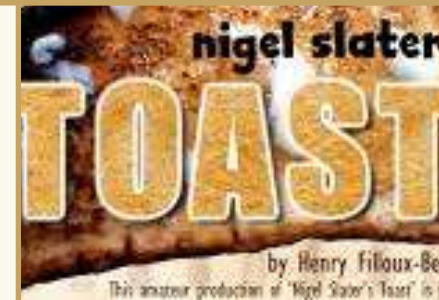
Nigel Slater's Toast

by Henry Filloux-Bennett

17th - 20th May 2023

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www.pattinghamdramagroup.co.uk



Wombourne Players

The Final Test

by Chris Paling

17th - 20th May 2023

Box Office: 01902 881184

www.wombourneplayers.org.uk



Dudley Little Theatre

Teachers

by John Godber

18th - 20th May 2023

Box Office: 07954 424555

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