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STUDENTS PRESENT FIVE STONKIN' GOOD TALES OF COMEDY AND TRAGEDY...

Following the success of the last year's production of '**4:48 Psychosis**', Yeovil College's Stonkin` Theatre Company is proud to present '**Confusions**' by Alan Ayckbourn.

'**Confusions**' is a set of five short, tragi-comic plays, encompassing the themes of obsession, isolation and the human desire for companionship.

In '**Mother Figure**' the isolation of a mother of three, Lucy, is so extreme that when neighbours visit she makes them regress back to their childhood. '**Drinking Companion**' shows Lucy's estranged husband, Harry, and his drunken attempts at seducing two young women into his hotel room. The third piece, '**Between Mouthfuls**' explores betrayal and monogamy, shown through the eyes of two couples having an evening meal. Meanwhile, comedy-of-errors '**Gosforth's Fete**' shows one man's ill-fated attempts to raise money for a new village hall. In the last work, '**Talk in the Park**', strangers meet and share their life stories, much to the grievance of the listener.

Stonkin` Theatre Company was formed earlier this year and consists of second year Performing Arts students studying for a BTEC Extended Diploma, a Level 3 qualification equivalent to A Levels.

Director and Performing Arts lecturer Ben Woof said "*This is a talented and very diverse group, which is developing an excellent reputation for successfully tackling complex plays with enthusiasm. Stonkin` Theatre Company has worked together as a group for almost two years and '**Confusions**' shows a change of direction for them. Previous work, including '**4:48 Psychosis**', has explored the darker side of theatre, so they are very keen to show their comic talents.*"

Student Steve Doherty (20) of Yeovil will play Gosforth and Harry Compton in the plays. He said "*While the play highlights the insecurities and the negative side of the human personality, it does so with an intelligent humour that has been an absolute joy to play. We're really looking forward to presenting these plays to a live audience and hope that they will make them laugh and think.*"

Alan Ayckbourns' **'Confusions'** will be on at Yeovil College's Main Hall on Thursday 17 November and Friday 18 November 2011. The show starts at 7.00 pm. Tickets are £5 (£4 for concessions) and available on the door or by calling Danielle Turner on 07919363878.

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Cast List

Mother Figure	
Lucy	Alice Browne
Rosemary	Melissa Wroe
Terry	Andrew Wheeler
Drinking Companion	
Harry	Steven Doherty
Paula	Lucy Warr
Bernice	Caroline Guppy
Waiter	Jodie Brown
Between Mouthfuls	
Waiter	Jenny Isaacs
Pearce	Andrew Wheeler
Mrs Pearce	Olivia Butler
Martin	Hollie George
Polly	Danielle Turner
Gosforth's Fete	
Mrs Pearce	Olivia Butler
Milly	Harriet Pike
Gosforth	Steven Doherty
Vicar	Katie Louise McElliot
Stewart	Cherie Leander
A Talk in the Park	
Arthur	Lucy Warr
Beryl	Caroline Guppy
Charles	Katie McElliot
Doreen	Harriet Pike
Ernest	Melissa Wroe