

# Confusions

By Alan Ayckbourn, Directed by Mary Singleton  
Performance dates: Monday 8th April to Saturday 13th April

Auditions: Saturday 4th November @ 2pm  
Sunday 5th November @ 10.30am

Alan Ayckbourn's Confusions is a set of five interlinked one-act plays:

Mother Figure  
Drinking Companion  
Between Mouthfuls  
Gosforth's Fete  
A Talk in the Park

Each play is entirely different typifying Ayckbourn's particular brand of comedy and his ability to dissect human behaviour. Each, however, deals with the common themes of loneliness and relationships. The characters and their conflicts are immediately recognisable and are still relevant today.

This is a challenging project and I have decided not to cast each play separately, but to follow Ayckbourn's original plan (well, almost!). He chose to use only five actors – 2 female and 3 male – each taking multiple roles.

My ideal cast will be 3 females and 3 males playing ages between 30 and 60. It won't be possible to indicate definite roles until the auditions are over, as the matching of ages is important! So auditionees must be prepared to play any part.

Because this production will be quite complex, rehearsals need to begin in mid-February (Mondays/Tuesdays and Thursdays with extra rehearsals for tech and dress). Performances will be April 8th to 13th – plus a matinee on the 13th.

Mary Singleton (Director)