One Man, Two Guvnors by Richard Bean Medway Little Theatre, 14th-23rd June 2018

One Man, Two Guvnors is a hilarious, fast moving farce that is as full of physical comedy as it is one-liners and clever wordplay. The plot centres on Francis Henshall, an out-of-work musician in 1960s Brighton who accidentally ends up with two employers and then has to keep each of them from meeting the other. This is complicated further by one of his employers being Rachel Crabbe who is dressed as her dead brother Roscoe, who was recently killed by her lover, Stanley Stubbers. Adding to the chaos are arranged marriages, tickets to Majorca, aspiring actors, ancient waiters, and Francis' desperate quest to eat.

Playing Francis is Tom Watson, recently seen in Rope alongside a regular fixture this season, James Bullen, who plays Alan the actor. Regular audience members will recognise Stanley Stubbers, played by Mike Dickinson (*The Hound of the Baskervilles*) and Charlie 'The Duck' Clench (Chris Loft: *Rope, Oliver Twist*). Relative newcomers Jez Walters and Aidan Hehir play Harry Dangle and Lloyd O'Reilly respectively, having both had small parts in *Dirk Gently* earlier in the season. Returning to an adult MLT production for the first time since *The 39 Steps* is Alex Lawes as Dolly, the no-nonsense book-keeper.

This play also features two talented girls from our youth group: Caitlin Jackson plays Rachel, and Hannah Bowen is Charlie's pretty but dim daughter Pauline.

If the audience laughs half as much as we have been doing in rehearsal, we may have to launder the seats afterwards. It has been a pleasure to take the reins on what I am certain will be a comedic tour de force.

Dan Abraham, Director

Cast

Tom Watson as Francis Henshall

By day Tom works in a warehouse making number plates for foreign cars, but by night he's a musician, actor, and sometime writer of poetry and prose. He studied performing arts at Salford in 2007. After years appearing in bands in Manchester and Medway, he has gone back to his first love, treading the dusty boards of the theatre. He joined MLT this year and first appeared in *Rope*.

Caitlin Jackson as Rachel Crabbe

Caitlin is currently studying for her International Baccalaureate at the Rochester Grammar School.

Mike Dickinson as Stanley Stubbers

This season Mike has appeared in *The Hound of the* Baskervilles and *Dirk Gently's Holistic Detective Agency*, and has directed *Rope*.

Chris Loft as Charlie Clench

Chris' recent appearances include *Oliver Twist, Lord Arthur Savile's Crime, Hay Fever* and most recently he played Rupert Cadell in *Rope*.

Hannah Bowen as Pauline Clench

Hannah is one of the leading lights of MLT's youth company.

James Bullen as Alan Dangle

Since joining the MLT adult company James has been in *The Hound of the Baskervilles*, *Dirk Gently's Holistic Detective Agency*, and *Rope*.

Alexandra Lawes as Dolly

Alex has previously appeared on the MLT stage in *The 39 Steps, Mary Shelley*, and *The Ladykillers*.

Aidan Hehir as Lloyd

Aidan joins us for the second time this season, having previously appeared as Marvin Androyd in *Dirk Gently's Holistic Detective Agency*.

Jez Walters as Harry Dangle, Gareth, and sundry policemen

Jez has been playing a pantomime hippie in the Alternate Shadows' recent successful tour of schools. He played Watkin in *Dirk Gently*.

Dan Abraham as Alfie

Crew

Stage Manager Kairn Bignell
Assistant Stage Manager Arwen Pike
Light & Sound Kerrie Thompson
Props Marji Waterhouse & Margaret Winson
Costume Carol Clark and the cast
Co-director John Winson

Coming Next

THE DUNCAN RAND ONE-ACT PLAY FESTIVAL
43rd Edition
9th-21st July 2018

July 2018 marks Medway Little Theatre's 43rd anniversary of our annual one-act play festival. Named in memory of one of MLT's founders, theatre groups from far and wide compete for prizes, with experienced professional judgement from the Guild of Drama Adjudicators. In the spirit of the friendly competition the festival strives to raise standards, forge friendships, and entertain audiences and participants alike. With a selection of plays performed by a few different companies each evening, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

Medway Little Theatre Needs You!

Our theatre produces several shows a year and we always welcome new members, whether they are interested in acting, stage managing, set building, working lights and sound, or any of the dozens of other jobs needed to produce live theatre. If you are interested in moving from seat to stage, please ask our front of house team or bar staff for information on how to join, or just turn up at one of our social nights, held every Tuesday evening in between show runs. The next one will be on Tuesday 22nd May.

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