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# **Accidental Death of an Anarchist Auditions - Reminder**

## Sunday Dec 1st at 2 pm, Thursday 5th at 7.30 pm, Vinters Studios

This will be STC's April 2025 production, directed by Helen Mason, with Assistant Director, Alan Scott.

Accidental Death of an Anarchist by Dario Fo and Franca Rame premiered in 1970. We are performing the updated 2023 English language version of the play adapted by actor and writer Tom Basden.

A political farce, the play is based on the true story of the death of an anarchist while being interrogated by the police at a time of turbulence in Italy.

Drawing on the traditions of clowning and commedia dell'arte, the play shines a spotlight on police corruption through various theatrical devices including impersonation, farce and slapstick.

Retaining the original's deployment of the absurd, Basden brings a fresh modern twist by locating the action in a London police station. The anarchist's death results in a dramatic unravelling of order into chaos as allegations of Met police corruption, collusion and heavy-handedness are 'investigated' by both press and the judiciary.

#### Characters

- 1. The Maniac an unnamed compulsive performer (also plays Judge Randall)
- 2. Inspector Burton from the 3rd floor
- 3. Superintendent Curry the station chief
- 4. Detective Daisy plain-clothes detective
- 5. PC Jackson from the third floor
- 6. Agent Joseph the Superintendent's aide
- 7. Phelan Fi Phelan, a journalist

#### **Audition Pieces**

The directing team have identified a list of audition pieces for each character, You can find them here.

Scripts are of course available at the audition so you can familiarise yourself with the piece(s) before you try out.

#### **Performance Dates**

Week beginning 31st March or week beginning 7th April 2025 (subject to venue and licence confirmation)

#### **Audition Details**

#### Audition dates are:

Sunday 1st December 2pm Thursday 5th December 7.30pm

You only need to attend one of these auditions. If you would like to be considered for a part but cannot attend an audition session, or if you would like further information, please contact us at info@streathamtheatre.org.uk.

Vinters Studio 2, 1b Sunnyhill Road, SW16 2UG For more information see our website.

## Streatham's (Still) Got Talent!

Oh no it hasn't! Oh yes it has!

Just a reminder about our annual Christmas event on December 10th! Start polishing your party pieces now! Whether it's poetry, a monologue, impressions, stand-up or even striptease (!), we're dying to see it!

Tuesday December 10th at 7.30 pm (doors open 7 pm).

Members Free, others £5 at the door. Licensed bar (we wouldn't expect you to perform sober!)

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## Take Part in Events Throughout the Year!

Our regular events take place on the second Tuesday of each month - save those dates in your diary!

- December 10th Streatham's (Still) Got Talent
- January 14th Play reading (title to be confirmed). If you'd like to suggest a play for us to read, do let us know at info@streathamtheatre.org.uk. If you've read this far, you at least deserve a hearing!

More events to ne revealed nearer the time!

As well as providing interesting readings, workshops and talks, our events are a great way of keeping in touch with others from STC. They are usually free to members and only £5 to others, so please do come along.

Keep a look out for our emails or check our website for details of planned events coming up next year.

These events are kindly run by volunteers from STC or our friends in show business.

You can join us or renew your subscriptions at events too - at only £10 a year to subscribe, it quickly pays itself back due to free admission to events and discount performance tickets, and helps us keep theatre in Streatham.

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