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Well on Track for our April Show!

STC are delighted to announce that our next show, **Accidental Death of an Anarchist**, by Dario Fo and Franca Rame, in a new adaptation (2023) by Tom Basden, and directed by Helen Mason, is fully cast, and rehearsals are in full swing!

Our venue is Woodmansterne School (Senior School site), Woodmansterne Road, SW16 5UQ, and show dates are Wednesday April 9th, Thursday April 10th, and Friday April 11th, at 8 pm. Doors open at 7.30 pm, and we have a licensed bar.

Tickets are competitively priced at £15 full price and £12 concessions. They are available through TicketSource, a secure agent.

For all details, including directions to the school, and a link to buy tickets, click [here](#) to access our website.

Here's an image from yesterday's rehearsal, showing Lizzie Hartree as PC Joseph, Pauline Kennedy as Fi Phelan, Mitchell Labiak as The Maniac, and Yasmin Smith as Superintendent Curry.



The second image also shows the above, plus Jean-Claud Nix as Detective Inspector Daisy. The full cast list is on our [website](#).



Accidental Death of an Anarchist is a political farce, based on the true story of the 1969 Piazza Fontana bombing and the death of railway worker and activist [Giuseppe Pinelli](#) while being interrogated by the Italian police. Basden brings a fresh modern twist by locating the action in a London police station.

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

Monologues Event - Reminder!

Next Tuesday, March 11th

We're SPRINGing back to basics! Perform your favourite monologue, as simple as that. It can be your own writing or anyone else's.

Dame Judi Dench on monologues:

"My old drama teacher used to say that "a monologue is a duologue where the other person happens to not say anything."

I think that's very good. Because in order to make somebody hear, you regard what *they're* doing, and it's *their* behaviour that makes you change. People think listening is what you do when you have nothing to say, but you're often listening and observing whilst you are speaking - gauging the other person's reactions to see if you need to carry on

urging them.”
(from *SHAKESPEARE the Man who Pays the Rent* by Judi Dench with Brendan O’Hea 2023)

Please let us [know](#) in advance what you want to bring, and give an estimated run time.

Tuesday March 11th at 7.30 pm (doors open 7 pm).

Members Free, others £5 at the door.

Vinters Studio 2, 1b Sunnyhill Road, SW16 2UG

For more information see our [website](#).

Events Diary

April

Not one event but three, on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 9th to 11th of April - Show week for *Accidental Death of an Anarchist*. Get your tickets [here](#).

May 13th

Continuing April's theme, we have a **Clowning Workshop**, led by professional clown and actor Sandra Villani. A fun night of theatre in the Italian tradition (no experience necessary).

Take Part in Events Throughout the Year!

We welcome all members' suggestions for events, and are very happy to consider offers from members to facilitate events. We will always offer help and support to potential facilitators, if required. Please note that we don't normally pay fees, as we are all volunteers.

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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