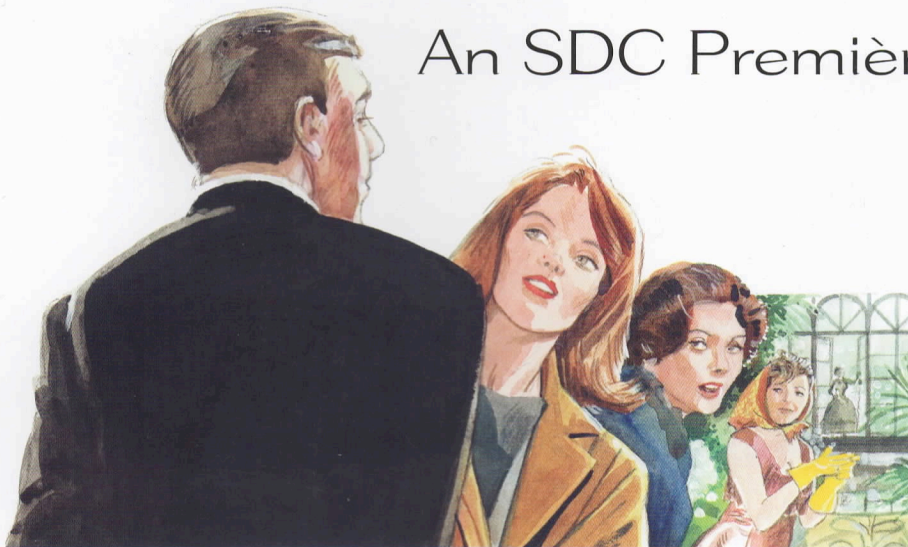




LITTLE THEATRE

Home of the
Southport Dramatic Club
Presents An SDC Bar Production
Theatre in-the-round in our air-conditioned bar/studio

An SDC Première



The Dangers of Tobacco

written and directed by
Alistair Hewitt

NO HEALTH WARNING NEEDED

19th - 23rd May, 2009
7.45pm



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Hoghton Street, Southport PR9 0PA. www.littletheatresouthport.co.uk

The Dangers



Alistair Hewitt
Writer and Director.

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written and
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First things first. This is not a play about smoking. How dreary would that be? I stole the title from a very short play by Checkov, which I have since read and, was delighted to discover, is not about smoking either. This is a play about three sisters (Checkov again?), because siblings can be so much more tender, but also more vicious with each other than mere friends and because I thought this might make for good drama.



And then there is the space. When I was asked (and I was delighted to be asked) to write a play for the SDC bar production, I was very excited by the challenge that was presented to me. A small square of a stage; a little theatre in the round. I could have set the play on the surface of the moon, on the plains of the Serengeti, or on the inside of a potting shed belonging to a weary old man. In the end it seemed to be much more sensible and a lot safer to stick it in Marie's conservatory. So here we are.

I have been lucky enough to work with a very talented and very lovely cast and crew. We have had great fun creating this play and hope that you might share in some of that fun tonight.

Alistair Hewitt
Writer and
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Première

directed by
Hewitt

Cast in order of appearance:

Marie Jacquie Wade

Cissie Samantha
Roberts

Eva Helen Bennett

Rory Mike Yates
Tobacco

Natalia Chantelle
Latham

The Action of the Play takes place on a summer's day in Marie's conservatory.

Act 1: Morning

Act 2: 5 Minutes Later

Epilogue: 2 Hours Later.

There will be a 20 minute interval between
Acts 1 and 2.

Staging:

Prompt
Jean Watkinson

Stage Manager
Lindsay Haywood

Props
Susanne Denner

Assistant Props
Shirley Rookyard

Make Up Advisor
Jon Ellis-Fox

Sound Recording
Brian Hodge

Lighting Designer
Tony Berry

Photographs
Neil Hickson

Natalia's Costume
'The Costume Shop', King Street

Thanks to Cheryl Coley
for help and advice.

Designated premises Supervisor,
ALAN NEWPORT

The Little Theatre - Home of the Southport Dramatic Club.

The SDC wishes to ensure that all our patrons enjoy a comfortable, enjoyable and safe visit to our theatre. We should be grateful for your cooperation in helping us to achieve this. Please note the following:

- Should you arrive after the performance has started, you will be guided to your seats when a suitable opportunity occurs.
- At the end of the performance, exits will be open at both the front and back of the auditorium.
- First Aid assistance is regularly provided by volunteers from the St. John's Ambulance Brigade. Should you require help, please advise our stewards on duty in the Foyer.
- Cameras and recording equipment may not be operated during performances
- KINDLY ENSURE THAT YOUR MOBILE PHONE IS SWITCHED OFF.

Thank you.





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The Secret Garden

A Musical Play

Book & Lyrics by Marsha Norman, Music by Lucy Simon,
Based on the novel by Francis Hodgson-Burnett

Directed by Stephen Hughes-Alty, Musical director Paul Williams

An Amateur production by arrangement with Samuel French

2nd - 5th September 2009

7.30pm.

Matinee on 5th September 2009

Box Office opens: 26th Aug 2009. 11am



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If you received a white plastic ticket when entering Sainsbury's Car Park you **will not** need it to get out after 7pm. Sainsbury's would prefer to have all tickets returned, so if you have one, please hand it to the box office or one of the stewards. This is extremely important and necessary in order to maintain our excellent relationship with Sainsbury's who continue to provide SDC Patrons with free parking.

Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.