

Southport Dramatic Club

NEWS

A Bar/Studio Production

DAMAGES

By Stephen Thompson
Directed by Stephen Hughes-Alty

4th - 8th June 2013

7.45pm

Contains
Strong
Language

No booking
charges or
card fees

Cynical &
Howlingly
Funny



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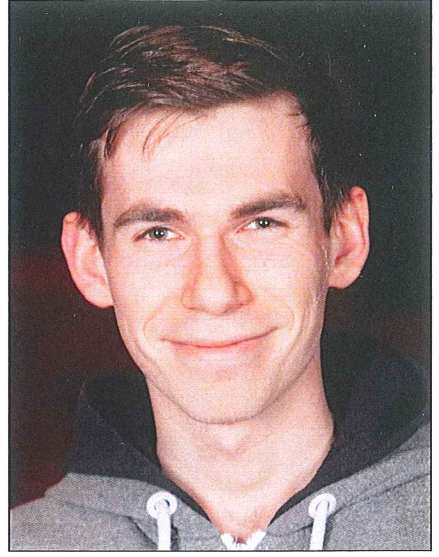
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THE CAST



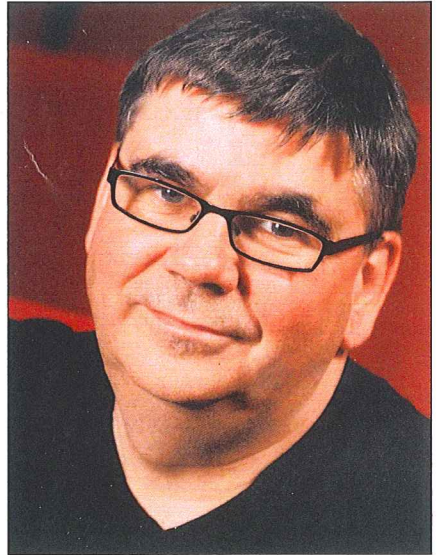
Mike Stowell
Howard



John Delahunty
Bas



Laura Ellis
Abigail



Alistair Hewitt
Lister

The action of the play takes place in the offices of a tabloid newspaper

There will be an interval of 20 minutes



Stephen Hughes-Alty
Director

DIRECTOR'S NOTES

News is what somebody somewhere wants to suppress; all the rest is advertising.

Lord Northcliffe, British publisher 1865-1922

I was thrilled to be asked to direct *'Damages'*, Steve Thompson's witty and thought-provoking play. The action takes place in the offices of a tabloid newspaper. A children's TV presenter has sunbathed topless and the paper has to decide whether to splash the front-page with an accusation of adultery. At the same time, the page two story about teenage rape is causing problems as all detail is put off-limits by an injunction.

Lister is a hard-nosed, old-school journalist with a working-class chip on his shoulder who is determined to see the TV starlet's story take the lead. Inevitably, he jousts with ineffectual, university-educated Night Editor Bas. When crises occur, the new boy really has his work cut out in a way that a normal editor would not. He calls for legal advice in the form of Abigail, acting night lawyer, an outside expert who has been called in to ensure that the libel laws are only breached to the level where the paper will not get sued. As tempers flair and past grudges are dredged up, it is Howard, the paper's trusty style editor who plays referee and saves the day.

I would like to thank my talented and hard-working cast for approaching this challenging work with dedication, creativity and fun. I would also like to thank the myriad of people who have helped bring this production to the stage. Finally, I would like to thank you, our audience, for choosing to come and watch live theatre. I hope you enjoy watching it as much as we have enjoyed working on it.

Stephen Hughes-Alty
Director

STAGING

Stage Manager	Andrea Jenkinson
Assistant Stage Manager (Prompt)	Gay Stowell
Properties	Julie Whelan
Wardrobe	Cast
Lighting Design	Michael Clarke
Sound Design	Brian Hodge
Set Construction & Design	SDC Construction Team
Photographs	Fletcherhill Photography
Programme Editor	Jacquie Bolshaw
Programme Sub Editor	Barry King
Programme Content & Research	Henry James
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Music in this production:

'News of the World' by The Jam

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Lyrics by Tim Rice

Directed by Stephen Hughes-Alty

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