



Stoke-on-Trent Repertory Theatre
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Absurd Person Singular

by Alan Ayckbourn

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CAST

in order of appearance

Jane Hopcroft	ALISON TOWNSEND
Sidney Hopcroft	GORDON BROOMFIELD
Ronald Brewster-Wright	BRIAN RAWLINS
Marion Brewster-Wright	LINDSAY-JANE KENNERELL
Eva Jackson	JUNE HODSON
Geoffrey Jackson	JOHN WALLEY

Directed by: PETER DUTTON

Act I

Sidney and Jane's Kitchen. Last Christmas.

Act II

Geoffrey and Eva's kitchen. This Christmas.

Act III

Ronald and Marion's kitchen. Next Christmas

There will be an interval between Acts I and II

OUR NEW BAR IS OPEN!

Our new bar is open half an hour before the rise of the curtain and during the interval. Stocks may be limited for the first few days of this production, but we hope to offer a full bar service as soon as possible.

About the Cast. . . .

ALISON TOWNSEND (Jane). Alison is a senior laboratory supervisor in a local pottery in real life - one of the few women to hold such a post. Recent roles at The Rep have included the Washerwoman's daughter and various animals in the recent **Toad of Toad Hall** and Liz in **Billy Liar**.

GORDON BROOMFIELD (Sidney). Gordon will no doubt be remembered for a long time by younger visitors to The Rep for his role as Mr Mole in last season's **Toad of Toad Hall**. He is also well-known to audiences of local operatic societies and one of his most memorable comedy roles was King Pelinore in **Camelot**. A partner in a Newcastle art gallery, Gordon is married to Tessa, also an active Rep member.

BRIAN RAWLINS (Ronald). After a long career as a journalist, Brian sent his wife out to work in the late 60's, so that he could train at the Central School of Speech and Drama in London. He has since acted in most kinds of theatre including musicals, film, radio, touring theatre, one-man shows and Shakespeare (his favourite!). He travels around the country lecturing on the art of public speaking and still finds time to be Keele University's Information Officer!

LINDSAY-JANE KENNERELL (Marion). Marion is a stark contrast to Lindsay's last appearance at The Rep, when she played the glamorous Sally in **The Servant**, but she is no stranger to comic roles. She is probably best remembered locally for her acclaimed roles in the North Staffs Operatic Society's productions of **Mame**, in which she played another drunk - an actress called Vera Charles - and **Chicago**, in which she played the jail-boss, Mama Morton.

JUNE HODSON (Eva). June is well known throughout North Staffordshire as one of the receptionists and secretaries at BBC Radio Stoke-on-Trent. A long-standing member of The Rep, June's favourite role in recent years has been Freda Caplan in the 1983 production of J. B. Priestley's **Dangerous Corner**, for which she received rave reviews.

JOHN WALLEY (Geoffrey). A man of many talents, John has played leading roles at The Rep and with the North Staffs Operatic Society. He is National Secretary of the George Formby Society and author of **George Formby Complete**. His recent most memorable roles at The Rep have been Billings in **The Happiest Days of Your Life** and Mortimer in **Arsenic and Old Lace**. For the North Staffs Operatic Society, his best role to date was as Colonel Pickering in **My Fair Lady**.

PRODUCTION TEAM

For the Stoke Repertory Theatre	
General Stage Manager	Richard Masters
For Absurd Person Singular	
Stage Manager	Tina Richardson
Stage Assistants	Bill Hancock, Siân Davies, Margo Perkins, Nicholas Bloor, Carl Thornton, Gill Franklin, Shelley Riddele, Jackie Clarke.
Lighting	George Goodall
Sound	Graham Mouat
Properties	Gill Chesworth, Sue Thompson, Madeleine Pottinger.
Carpenter	John Shenton
Set Designed by	Colin Chesterton
Cooker supplied by	TI Creda.
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The part of Beresford Street between the new flats and the schools may be used for parking, but please ensure that cars do not obstruct.

No responsibility is accepted by the Repertory Theatre. No charge is made for parking.

Refreshments

Confectionery is always on sale and coffee will be served during the interval. Coffee tickets available from the attendants.

Smoking is permitted during the intervals only.

Smokers Please Note:

Please use the ashtrays provided. Smokers on the front row should ask an attendant for an ashtray.

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**27th November to 1st December
4th to 8th December**

SEPARATE TABLES

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**29th January to 2nd February
5th to 9th February**

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by Woody Allen

**19th to 23rd March
26th to 30th March**

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