

DEATH

— BY WOODY ALLEN —

CAST

Kleinman

Jonah Cook

President, Doctor, Abe

Yohann Beeharry

Anna, Cop

Daisy Solomon

Hacker, Gina

Olivia Palmer-Walker

Sam, Stranger

Elsie Solomon

Singer, War Veteran

Pippa Kidd

Reporter, Alan

Joe Dixon

Reporter, John

Annabel Sharp

Reporter, Victor, Frank

Melissa Chapman

Hank, Spiro

Annabel Viney

Bill

Zena Tailor

Shadows

The Cast

The Barn Theatre is delighted to present a Barn Youth production of Woody Allen's one-act black comedy *Death*. Published in 1975, *Death* was something of an experiment for Allen: famous as a filmmaker and stand-up comic, he was beginning to branch out into other kinds of writing.

We've set the action in early 1950s New York - during the McCarthy period - when paranoia and reckless fear-mongering were rife. The play follows the misadventures of Kleinman, a neurotic salesman whose efforts at living a quiet life are hopelessly disrupted when a local vigilante gang forces him to join a hunt for a serial killer, who has eluded capture by the police and is terrorising the city. The gang has a plan to catch the maniac... or does it? As the action unfolds, Kleinman becomes more and more confused about what he is supposed to do, until a random encounter forces him to confront the reality of his situation.

While the play may be over 50 years old, it has lost none of its freshness and contains many of the familiar features of Allen's comedic ventures: ironic self-parody, absurdity, paranoia, reflections on mortality and the scale of the cosmos, all combined with wisecracking humour and farce.

The youngsters have risen to the challenge of performing this crazy play, along with three new scenes specifically designed to augment the narrative, and have been supported superbly by an experienced crew determined to ensure we have high production values. Incredibly this is the first Youth production as part of the main season for eight years and it's hoped this will act as a springboard for it to become a more regular feature as it was in the past.

PRODUCTION TEAM

Director

Rob Graham

Assistant Director

Michelle Airey

Production Manager

Jacqueline Clayton

Stage Manager

Sharon Francis

Assistant Stage Manager

Humphrey Matthews

Rehearsal Prompt

Fiona Carter

Lighting

John Gardner, Simon Wallace
Nick Mogg

Sound, Projections

Dave House, Tristan Cameron
Rob Graham, James Rowles

Props

Lexi Campbell, Linda Miles
Georgie Palmer

Wardrobe

Anna-Maria Kress, Sarah Haverson

Make-up

Lauren Ryan

Set Design

Rob Graham, Ian Bage

Set Construction

The Barn Set Builders

Set Dressing

Christine Neal, Kris Moore
Ian Bage, Colin Hickey

Chaperones

Linda Miles, Yvonne Bartlett
Jacqueline Clayton, Georgie Palmer

Additional Material

Matt Adie

Additional Music

Natasha Denton

Production Photos

Simon Wallace

Posters & Programmes

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Thank you for supporting youth drama at the Barn. Your ticket doesn't just buy you a great night out; it gives our young performers the chance to grow in confidence, resilience, creativity and teamwork, just as powerfully as youth sport does. By choosing to back this production, you're helping to keep high-quality youth drama alive in our community and showing these young people that their stories, their talent and their hard work truly matter.

Smoke effects, strobe lighting and loud noises are used in this production.

Some of the themes may be unsuitable for small children.

Running time approx 70 minutes. There is no interval.

Sit back, relax and enjoy... DEATH!

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