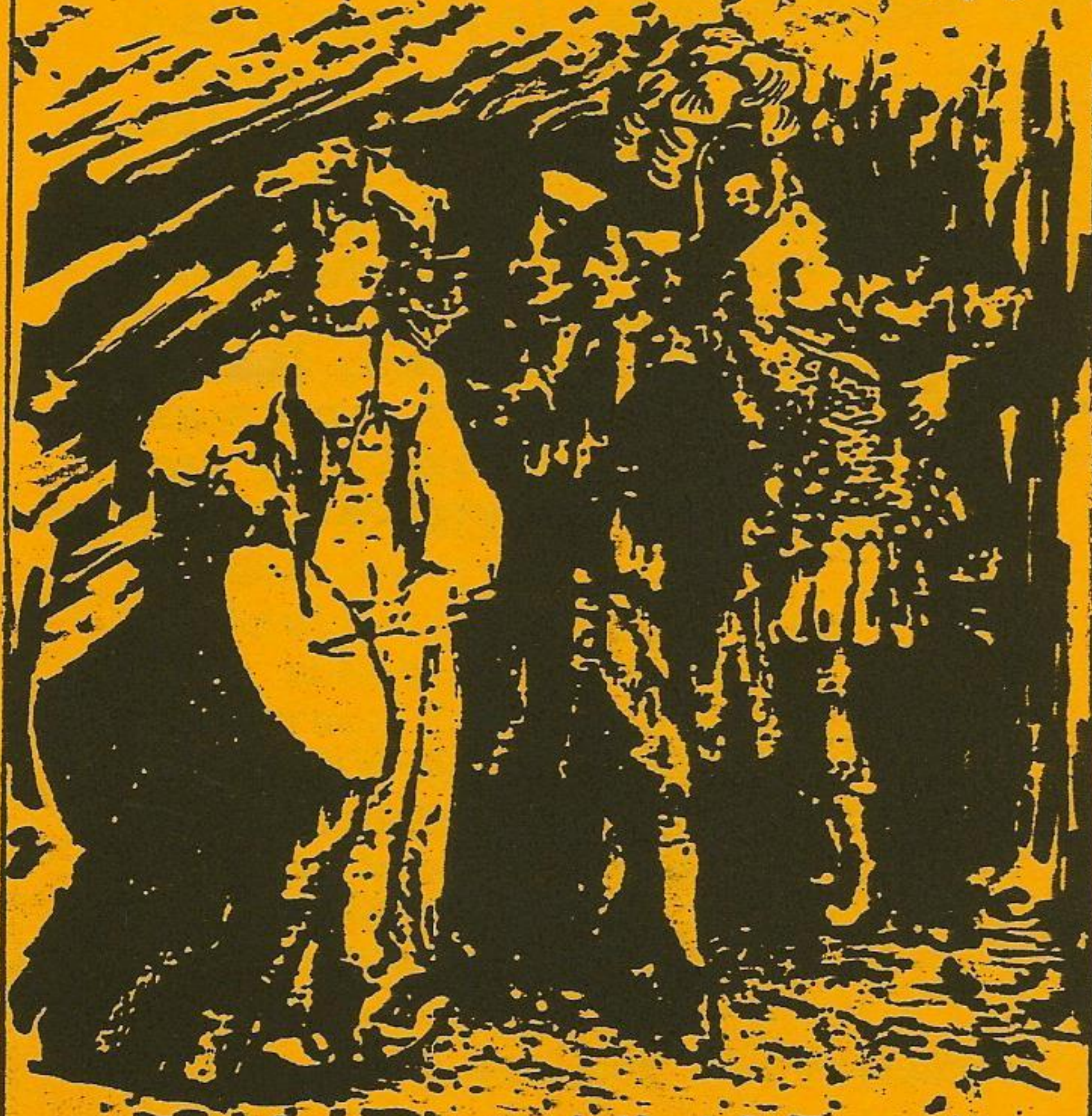


Sat 22nd July — Sat 29th July 1989. (Studio
(and Sat 5th Aug & Sun 6th Aug in Walpole Park)

The
Questors
Theatre Company
Presents

THE PENNY SHOWMAN



Performed by
MR. RICHARDSON
&
*Many Supernumeraries
of
Undoubted Talent*

THE PENNY SHOWMAN

John Richardson (1767 - 1837) was a travelling showman whose plays and entertainments were celebrated amongst the local fairs at which his troupe performed. Although little research seems to be available about Richardson, and people like him, what scant information there is has been trawled from scattered libraries and forms the basis of this original production.

"The Penny Showman" is entirely the result of improvisations, original writing, discussion - and not a few arguments - that have been developed and expanded, played with, abandoned, truncated and moulded into tonights' entertainment, which loosely recounts Richardson's life and times. There is no chronological order of events as it is neither a piece of biography nor a history. It is a theatrical excursion.

"... and I am standing in the spirit at your elbow".

Charles Dickens
"A Christmas Carol"

The Company

Steve Anderson	Stage Manager/ Lighting Designer
Rosalind Bull	Deputy Stage Manager
Amanda Colbert	Wardrobe
Tessa Curtis	Supernumerary
Jane Dewey	Actor/Costumes
Anthea Dobrey	Supernumerary
John Downes	Actor
Christopher Eedy	Supernumerary
Gabriel Farrell	Co-Director
Eddie Fitzgerald	Assistant Stage Manager
Pam Gower	Actor
Frances Heley	Oboe
Tim Heywood	Costumes
Gillian Leary	Properties
Roger Lewis	Actor
Carol Metcalfe	Supernumerary
Nic Meyhew	Composer/ Musical Director
Kate Morton	Wardrobe
Renata Nash	Actor
Fiona Nicholson	Supernumerary/ Transcription
Annie O'Brien	Actor
Michael Pearce	Set
Jonathan Partington	Lights
Rachel Power	Actor
Iain Reid	Actor
Amanda Rigby	Actor
Joanne Rozario	Clarinet
Esther Sheridan	Clarinet
Daniel Smith	Supernumerary
Jane Stacy	Assistant Stage Manager
Jane Turner	Assistant Stage Manager
Tess Walsh	Actor
Stella Warraker	Actor
Caroline Welsh	Flute
Kelvin West	Actor
Alan Widdrington	Director
Lynn Williams	Wardrobe

And very special thanks to:-

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his parents, John Stacey,
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Diane Anderson, Steve Hames
and Rodney Figaro.

and to the following musicians:-

Maxine Willis, Frances Heley,
Joanne Rozario, Caroline McLaughlin,
Harriet Johnson, Julia Panther,
Gerry Boyle, Nahtlie Rozario.

The show runs about 2 hours and there
will be one interval of 15 minutes.

The Arethusa

1. Come all ye jolly sailors bold
Whose hearts are cast in honour's
mould.

While English glory I unfold -
Hurra! for the Arethusa.

She is a frigate tight and brave,
As ever stemmed the dashing wave,
Her men are staunch to their
fav'rite launch

And when the foe shall meet our
fire,

Sooner than strike we'll all
expire,

On board the Arethusa.

2. Twas with the spring leet
she went out

The English Channel to cruise about,
When four French sail, in show
so stout,

Bore down on the Arethusa.

The fam'd Bell Poule straight
ahead did lie,

The Arethusa seem'd to fly,

Not a sheet, or a tack,

Or a brace did she slack;

Tho' the Frenchmen laugh'd

and thought it stuff,

But they knew not the

men so tough,

On board of the Arethusa.

3. The fight was off the Frenchman's
land,

We drove them back upon their
strand,

For we fought till not a stick
could stand

Of the gallant Arethusa.

And we've driv'n the foe ashore,

Never to fight with Britons more,

Let each fill a glass

To his fav'rite lass:

A health to the Captain and
officers true,

And all that belong to the
jovial crew

On board of the Arethusa.

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