

**MOTHER FIGURE - by Alan Ayckbourn**

**Directed by Louise Poffley**

This play was first performed as part of 'Confusions' in Scarborough in September 1974. Originally Ayckbourn wrote it as a separate piece for an entertainment presented for one week in Horsham by Oscar Quitak. He "snatched the piece back" to become the first of the five interlinked one-act plays which form 'Confusions'.

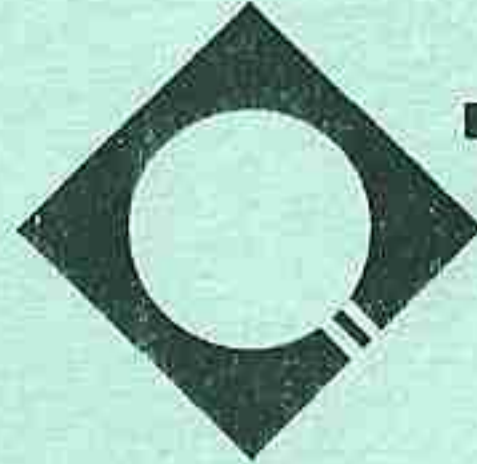
**Cast**

Lucy	Fiona Nicholson
Rosemary	Julia Cooke
Terry	Brian Ingram

**Crew for the Directors Showcase**

Designer	Julian Dowson
Lighting Designer	John Johnson
Sound Designer	Robin Thompson
Stage Manager	Kris Collier
Deputy Stage Managers:	
Bird of Paradise	Brin Parsonage
David's Birthday	Paul Ashby
Mother Figure	Jon Webster
Assistant Stage Managers	Alex Witcomb
	Mike Gannon
	Nikki Read
Lighting Operator	Kris Collier
Sound Operator	Sarah Allen
Construction	Dave Bell
	Neil Burgess
	Zowie Fanning
	Jonathon Leverett
	Samantha Smith

1st 2nd 3rd August 1991



**THE QUESTORS**

**DIRECTORS SHOWCASE '91**

**THE BIRD OF PARADISE - by R.D. Laing**

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## THE BIRD OF PARADISE - by R.D. Laing

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"Few books today are forgivable. Black on the canvas, silence on the screen, an empty white sheet of paper, are perhaps feasible. There is little conjunction of truth and social 'reality'. Around us are pseudo-events, to which we adjust with a false consciousness adapted to see these events as true and real, and even as beautiful. In the society of men the truth resides now less in what things are than in what they are not. Our social realities are so ugly if seen in the light of exiled truth, and beauty is almost no longer possible if it is not a lie."

R.D. Laing

### Cast

Man

Joe Purcell

Thanks to Luwasa Hydroculture of Feltham for plant displays.

THERE WILL BE AN INTERVAL OF 15 MINUTES.

## DAVID'S BIRTHDAY - by Gillian Plowman

Directed by Robert Gordon Clark

"Why do you laugh at him?"

"So that I don't cry"

David's birthday was first performed at the All England One-Act Play Festival in 1985. It was written for The Flat Four Players, with whom Gillian Plowman acts and directs. She played the role of Liz in the original production.

Since then Gillian Plowman has won the 1988 Verity Bargate Award (an award for new writers) for the play 'Me and My Friend', which questioned the policy of community care for the mentally disturbed. It was produced by the Soho Poly Theatre Company and was broadcast on Channel 4 in early 1991 in a series entitled 'Small Stages'.

Recently her adaptation of 'No 27' has been produced at the Kings Head Theatre under the title 'Crooked Wood'.

She is presently writing an original screenplay for Paramount Pictures under the working title of 'Daisyworld' - the brief from Paramount was one word - 'euthanasia'.

Gillian works as Bursar of an hospice in Sussex and lives by the sea.

My thanks to Gillian Plowman, David Flint, Lisa Day and Anya.

### Cast

Maggie  
Liz  
John  
Paul  
David

Ceri Jones  
Wendy Smith  
Kenneth Hanks  
Simon Thomas  
John Sweet