



Questors, Ealing's Theatre



HELLO DARKNESS MY OLD FRIEND

by Andrew McGuinness

a rehearsed reading of a dark comedy

The Studio

Monday 27 June 2016

CAST

Harry	Robert Baker-Glenn
Jean	Clare Cooper
Sophie	Lisa Morris
Ben	Nick Thomas
Charlotte	Dana Rimdjonoka
Ryan	Zac Karaman

PRODUCTION

Playwright	Andrew McGuinness
Director	Pam Redrup
Sound & Lights	Martin Choules

Special thanks to: **Andrew Whadcoat, Jo Matthews, Nigel Bamford, Geoffrey Morgan** and the cast and crew of *Burnt by the Sun* for the use of their space.

The performance lasts approximately 1 hour and 20 minutes with no interval.

**Please turn off all mobile phones and similar electronic devices.
The use of cameras, video cameras and recording equipment is strictly prohibited.
Thank you.**

HELLO DARKNESS MY OLD FRIEND

I was thrilled to work with Andrew on the last Questors 24-Hour Plays, after which we decided to collaborate on another one of his plays. We thought this rehearsed reading would be an ideal opportunity. He first scripted *Hello Darkness My Old Friend* around four years ago but hadn't developed it further until now.

Pam Redrup, Director

The only rules I live by when I'm writing are to make the current piece different from the last and challenge myself by attempting different genres, styles and formats. My wastepaper bin can attest that my failures are far more common than my successes. The challenge with *Hello Darkness My Old Friend* was to attempt to master the monologue. My main strength (if I have one) is dialogue, so what better challenge to set oneself than to write a full length play with no interaction between the characters.

It may prove a foolhardy exercise but if an audience enjoys watching it half as much as I enjoyed writing it, then I'll be happy.

Andrew McGuinness, Playwright

**There will be a collection at the end of the performance
in aid of QReNew.**



This week in the Studio:

BURNT BY THE SUN

by Peter Flannery
from the screenplay by
Nikita Mikhalkov and
Rustam Ibragimbekov

until Saturday 2 July



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by Willy Russell

16 – 23 July

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