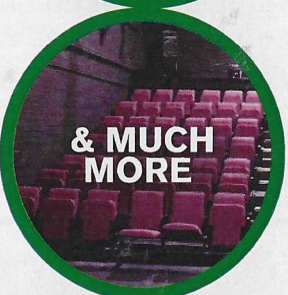
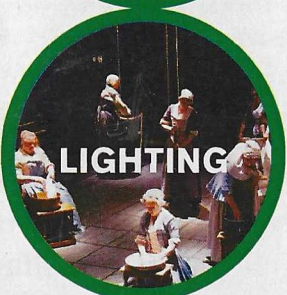


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# EMILIA

By Morgan Lloyd Malcolm



31 October - 8 November 2025

The Playhouse



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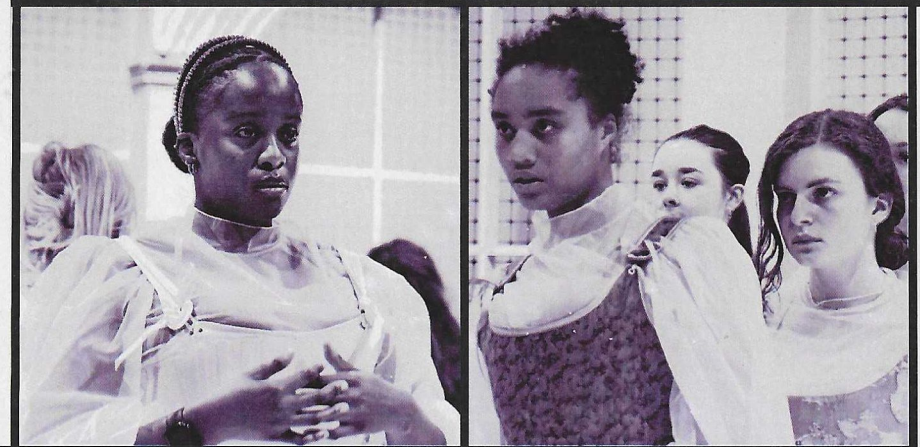
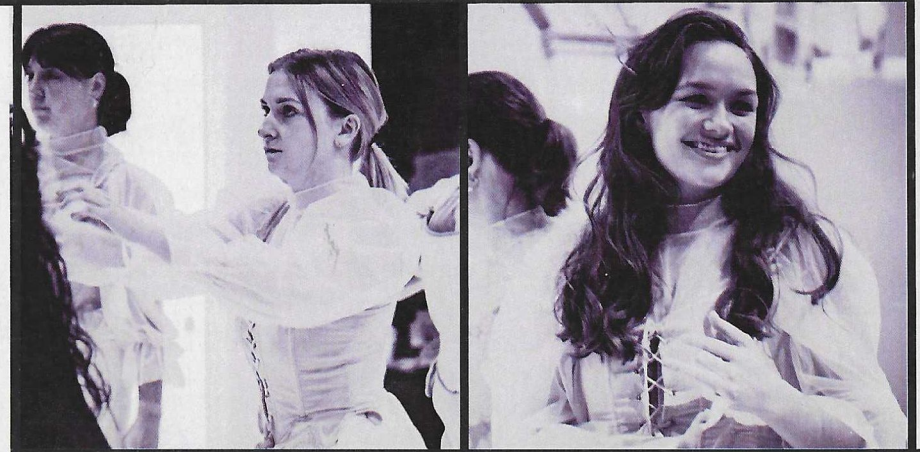
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## EMILIA

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This amateur production of "Emilia" is presented by arrangement with Nick Hern Books.



## DIRECTOR'S NOTE

"We are all Emilia."

That's the line that stayed with me from the very first time I read this play.

Morgan Lloyd Malcolm's Emilia is inspired by the life of Emilia Bassano — a 17th-century poet, mother, and woman of remarkable intelligence and courage. She lived in Shakespeare's London, moved in his circle, and may even have been his muse — the so-called "Dark Lady" of the sonnets. But for centuries, her story went untold. Her voice was lost among the noise of men writing history.

In 2018, Morgan Lloyd Malcolm decided to change that. Commissioned by Michelle Terry for Shakespeare's Globe, Emilia premiered on the very same stage where women were once forbidden to perform. The play became a fierce, funny, and passionate reclaiming of women's voices — a call to arms wrapped in laughter and poetry.

Lloyd Malcolm has said "I wrote Emilia for the women who have been silenced and ignored for too long. For those whose words were never heard, whose stories were never told. Emilia's voice echoes through time — she speaks for all of us."

That's exactly what the play does. It's not a history lesson. It's a celebration, a protest, and a reminder — all at once. It takes what little we know of Emilia's real life and builds a story that asks us to imagine what it might have been like to live with her fire and frustration, her creativity and her courage, in a world that refused to see her.

Emilia Bassano Lanier (as she was known) was one of the first Englishwomen to publish a book of poetry under her own name — *Salve Deus Rex Judaeorum* in 1611 — a bold and radical work that reimagined the story of Christ through the eyes of women. In it, she argued that Eve had been unfairly blamed for the fall of man, and she celebrated the strength and faith of women throughout history. It was revolutionary, and it still feels radical today.

In Emilia, that spirit burns bright. The play gives us three Emilias — each played by a different actor — representing her at different stages of her

life. They speak to one another, argue, comfort, and challenge each other. Together, they become something bigger than one woman: a chorus of every woman who has ever fought to be heard. It's an ensemble piece in the truest sense. The energy moves constantly — one moment we're in the bustle of Elizabethan London, the next we're in the intimate space of a woman's mind. The music, movement, and words combine to create a world that feels alive and defiant.

The all-female casting is not just a creative choice, but a statement. In a time when women were not allowed on stage, this play puts women in every role — even Shakespeare himself. It's playful and subversive, and it reclaims the space that women were denied for so long.

Lloyd Malcolm has said that she wrote the play "in rage and hope" — rage for the silence imposed on women, and hope that new generations will break that silence. That balance of anger and optimism runs through every scene. We laugh, we cry, we cheer, and at the end, when Emilia demands that we listen, we do.

For me, what makes Emilia so powerful is its universality. You don't need to know your Shakespeare or your history to understand it. It's about every woman who's ever had her ideas dismissed, her work undervalued, or her voice ignored. It's about resilience, community, and the power of storytelling itself.

At its heart, Emilia reminds us why theatre matters. It gives us space to listen — not just to the past, but to each other. It invites us to think about the Emilias in our own lives: the mothers, daughters, sisters, friends, teachers, and mentors who have made us who we are.

"We have a gift," Emilia says. "It is our voice. And we must use it." I can't think of a better message to share in a theatre like The Questors, where stories are kept alive by people who believe in the power of community and creativity.

Thank you for joining us. I hope you enjoy the show, and that Emilia's voice stays with you — long after the final words fade.

**Pam Redrup**  
**Director — Emilia**



# EMILIA

by Morgan Lloyd Malcolm

First performance of this production at The Questors

Theatre: 31 October 2025

## CAST

Emilia 1 **Shekinah Singh**

Emilia 2 **Yasimin Nankya**

Emilia 3 **Sunita Dugal**

Lady Mary Sidney, Mary,  
Margaret Johnson & Ensemble **Isabella Cottrell Kirby**

Lady Katherine & Ensemble **Nina Flitman**

Hester, Midwife,  
Lord Collins & Ensemble **Lisa Varty**

Judith, Lord Carey,  
Lord Howard & Ensemble **Emily Hawley**

Susan Bertie, Eve, Bob & Ensemble **Felicia Massiah**

Shakespeare & Man 2 **Kerala McGrail**

Lord Lanier, Desdemona  
& Ensemble **Stella Robinson**

Flora, Lady Margaret Clifford  
& Ensemble **Anne Marie Ryan**

Lady Cordelia, Lady Anne, Dave  
& Ensemble **Alice Shuttleworth**

Lady Helena, Emilia (Othello),  
Man 1 & Ensemble **Kenza Hurley**

The play is set in Elizabethan and Jacobean London, moving through  
courts, theatres and homes.

The performance lasts approximately 2 hours and 20 minutes  
with a 20 minute interval.

## PRODUCTION TEAM

Director **Pam Redrup**

Movement Director **Sophie George**

Assistant Movement Director **Kerala McGrail**

Set Designer **Bron Blake**

Costume Designer **Hannah Victory**

Lighting Designer **Andrew Whadcoat**

Sound Team **Emerson Bramwell, Russell Fleet &  
Chloe Park**

Musical Arrangements **Julian Smith**

Props Supervisor **Sue Collins**

Stage Manager **Jane Casey**

Deputy Stage Manager **Steven Hyndman**

Assistant Stage Managers **Anette Klimek & Rubal Riar**

Construction Managers **Roger Brace, Stephen Souchon &  
Rob Spencer**

Assistant Construction Managers **Alice Johnson, Cecily Johnson &  
Laurence Stant**

Construction Assistants **Ian Black, Sue Collins, Chloe Coxhill,  
Steven Hyndman, Alice Seglias  
Padin, Derek Stoddart & Nel Wilson**

Construction Get-In Crew **Soheil Aarabi, Ignatius Crean  
& Dan Wilson**

Lead Wardrobe Assistant **Elsie Newman**

Wardrobe Assistants **Jane Arnold-Forster, Kath Cooke,  
Caroline Gibbon, Helen Karasiewicz,  
Karen Latimer, Rebecca Llanes &  
Delia O'Rourke**

Lighting Operator **Graeme Kaye**

Lighting Get-In Crew **Alasdair Graebner, John Green,  
Ben Hart, Terry Mummery &  
Martin Walton**

Rehearsal Prompt **Deborah Abel**

Community Captioner **Nathan Jenkins**

Production Photographer **Carla Marker**

Production Videographer **AJ Lamb**

Special Thanks to **Lucy Aley-Parker, James Connor &  
Nigel Worsley**

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cameras, video cameras and recording equipment is strictly prohibited. Thank you.



# BIOGRAPHIES

## **Isabella Cottrell Kirby - Lady Mary Sidney, Mary, Margaret Johnson & Ensemble**

Isabella joined The Questors Theatre as a teenager, graduating from Student Group 73 in 2021. Past productions include Quietus (Jonne Wilson), Strange Orchestra (Rodney Ackland), Trojan Barbie (Christine Evans) and Emma (Doon Mackickan, Martin Millar). She studied English, drama, and education at university, has written for stage, and has a weakness for all forms of comedy and beautiful costuming.

## **Sunita Dugal - Emilia 3**

Sunita has been a Questors member since 2005. Her credits include: Celia in As You Like It, the Spanish Lawyer in Tejas Verdes, Margaret in Much Ado About Nothing, Emma Bovary in Madame Bovary: Breakfast with Emma, Adriana in The Comedy of Errors, Spode in Heaven's Waiting Room, Bertha in Boeing-Boeing, and Fräulein Doktor Mathilde von Zahnd in The Physicists.

## **Nina Flitman - Lady Katherine & Ensemble**

Nina has been a Questors member since 2011, when she appeared as Lavinia in Titus Andronicus. Since then, her parts have included Vivia in Mrs Warren's Profession, Sylvia in The Pride, Lizzy in The Welkin, Jacqueline in Don't Dress for Dinner and Lady Macbeth in the TSC Openstages' production of Macbeth. She has also appeared in The Flint Street Nativity, Enron and She Stoops To Conquer at the Minack Theatre.

## **Emily Hawley - Judith, Lord Carey, Lord Howard & Ensemble**

Emily was a member of Student Group 75, appearing in The Gut Girls and On The Razzle. She then appeared in The Rehearsal, Tom Jones and most recently as Polly X in Trojan Barbie. Alongside acting, she has worked in stage management, assistant directing and is a keen playwright.

## **Kenza Hurley - Lady Helena, Emilia (Othello), Man 1 & Ensemble**

Kenza has been part of Questors since the age of 6, appearing in the pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk and in the 2023 Youth Theatre production of Whispers in the Wings. Emilia is her first play outside of Questors Youth Theatre.

## **Felicia Massiah - Susan Bertie, Eve, Bob & Ensemble**

Felicia's first experience on the Questors stage was in Student Group 49's productions of Here Comes a Chopper and The Suicide. Then she was the eponymous Andromache and the saucy maid in A Little Hotel on the Side. She was a maid in You Can't Take It With You followed by a 'matron' in The Welkin – both requiring aprons!!!

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## **Kerala McGrail - Shakespeare & Man 2 / Assistant Movement Director**

Last seen with a sword in Boudica, Kerala returns to the Playhouse stage with a moustache and the hope that at least one audience member falls in love with her. Working with Sophie on Movement Direction has been a pleasure and she is so proud of the whole team. (If it's bad, then she had nothing to do with it).

## **Yasimin Nankya - Emilia 2**

Yasimin has been an acting member of Questors since May 2025, making her Playhouse debut in Emilia. She trains part-time at Identity School of Acting and studies Medicine at King's College London. Passionate about performance since childhood, Yasimin has pursued acting for three years. Outside academics and acting, she enjoys scrapbooking and mystery novels.

## **Stella Robinson - Lord Lanier, Desdemona & Ensemble**

Stella first became involved with Questors when she was 15, doing a production in the Playhouse - she then trained with LAMDA and ArtsEd, and performed in her first professional role at The Lion And Unicorn Theatre. Emilia is her first show back since 2020! She is currently acting full time.

## **Anne Marie Ryan - Flora, Lady Margaret Clifford & Ensemble**

Anne Marie joined Questors in 2017. Recent roles include Emma in Contractions, Mae in Cat on a Hot Tin Roof, Penny in You Can't Take It With You and a variety of roles in Under Milk Wood. As a writer herself, Anne Marie is thrilled to be in a play celebrating untold female stories.

## **Alice Shuttleworth - Lady Cordelia, Lady Anne, Dave & Ensemble**

This marks Alice's debut at Questors. Prior to this Alice has worked with other theatre companies, and credits include: Romeo & Juliet (Benvolio), The Importance Of Being Earnest (Gwendoline) and A Christmas Carol (Belle & Mrs Cratchit). Alice also received a credit for ITV's Downton Abbey (Maud).

## **Shekinah Singh - Emilia 1**

Shekinah is an actor and writer from West London. She has trained with Bristol Old Vic Young Company, is a member of National Youth Theatre, Questors Theatre Company, Bush Theatre Rep 2025-27 and will be starting Identity Drama School in 2026. Her range spans from Shakespeare and political comedy theatre, to leading a short film about the systemic barriers around asserting female autonomy.



# BIOGRAPHIES

## Lisa Varty - Hester, Midwife, Lord Collins & Ensemble

Following a degree in Theatre, Lisa joined The Questors in 2011 to train in the 66th Student Group. Since then, she has appeared in Trojan Barbie, On the Razzle, House & Garden, Be My Baby, Futures, Uncle Vanya, Dead White Males, As Time Passes By (Questival II), Sleepers in the Field, Daisy Pulls it Off, Di and Viv and Rose, and How to Spot an Alien. Elsewhere, she has performed in Hedda Gabler with The Tower Theatre and in Galatea at The White Bear.

## Bron Blake - Set Designer

Member since early 1970s, Bron has been doing set design and scenic art since 2008. Her over 30 designs include The Seagull, Glengarry Glen Ross, Broken Glass, Doctor Faustus, Betrayal, Rope, The Master Builder, Twelfth Night, Measure for Measure, Endgame, Rutherford & Son, God of Carnage, Ghost Train, A Doll's House, Arcadia, You Can't Take it With You, Single Spies, The Welkin, and Posh.

## Sue Collins - Props Supervisor

Sue's long association with The Questors began with the Stage Management Course many years ago. She has worked as an ASM and Stage Manager on numerous productions over a number of years. Her main interests these days include sourcing and making props, and involvement in set realisation.

## Sophie George - Movement Director

Sophie trained at the Guildford School of Acting. She joined Questors in 2024 and has since appeared in Tom Jones, The Welkin, Boudica and Emma. Sophie has also worked professionally in touring pantomime, at the Network Theatre and most recently, has started a Christmas contract with Lapland UK. Sophie has started to explore the worlds of Choreography and Movement Direction to add more strings to her bow as an artist.

## Hannah Victory - Costume Designer

Hannah Victory is an Actor and Costume Designer, having studied both in the UK and US. Previous work includes: Crowd Alterations for Renegade Nell (Disney+), Costume Designer for Thin Air (Red Lion Theatre), Assistant Designer for Barge Baby (EdFringe & Courtyard Theatre), Wardrobe Assistant for The Welkin (The Questors), WHAM for Jack and The Beanstalk (The Questors), Wardrobe Assistant for K&J (short film), and Costume Designer for I'm Not Finished (circus).

## Andrew Whadcoat - Lighting Designer

Andrew has been a member of The Questors since the 1990s, joined the lighting team in 2013, and enjoys lighting shows in the Studio and Playhouse - keen to welcome new members and share experiences and knowledge. Recent designs include Murder on the Nile, Trojan Barbie and Hindle Wakes.

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