



What's On  
Autumn 2025

## The Lantern Theatre - Winter 2025

Welcome to The Lantern Theatre @ ACT Brighton.

We have an exciting programme of shows, events and classes on offer this season. Everything from Comedy Sketch shows to New Writing and the launch of our **Second Chance Fringe** - a unique opportunity to catch The Lantern's sell out shows from Brighton Fringe 2025.

Our Frank Finlay Bar is open an hour before curtain up for drinks pre and post show.

### Get Involved

Alongside our sister company, ACT Brighton Drama School, we offer a wide range of Performing Arts training, classes and courses to suit all ages and abilities, both daytimes and evenings. [www.actbrighton.org](http://www.actbrighton.org)



## Box Office

You can book tickets via our website:

**[www.lanterntheatrebrighton.co.uk](http://www.lanterntheatrebrighton.co.uk)**  
or phone: **0333 666 3366**.

To contact the venue directly:

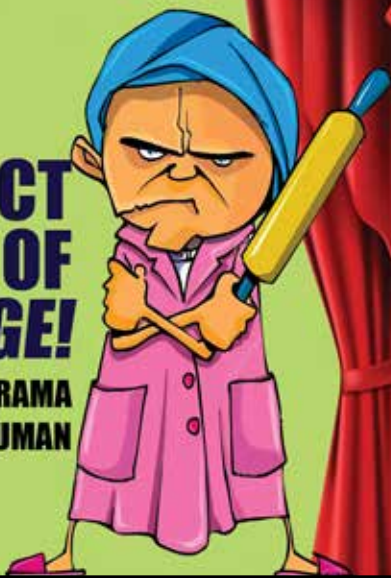
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**[info@lanterntheatrebrighton.co.uk](mailto:info@lanterntheatrebrighton.co.uk)**  
Phone:  
**01273 818266**

Visit in person at:  
**77 St James's Street,  
Brighton BN2 1PA.**



# ACT OF REVENGE!

**A COMEDY DRAMA  
BY SANDY TRUMAN**



**THE LANTERN THEATRE**  
**Friday 10 October 7.30pm**  
**Saturday 11 October 5pm**

Funny, entertaining, and a  
darned good story with many  
intriguing twists and turns.

**A GUARANTEED ANTIDOTE  
TO BLEAK!**

**TICKETS £16.0 £14 CONCESSIONS**  
(OAP, students, unwaged)

**AVAILABLE FROM:**  
**[www.lanterntheatrebrighton.co.uk](http://www.lanterntheatrebrighton.co.uk)**



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## The Cambridge Footlights International Tour Show 2025

Five of Cambridge University's funniest comedians take to the stage in an uproarious & bold new sketch show about the fragility of humankind. Prepare for blood, crises, and a night of non-stop hilarity!

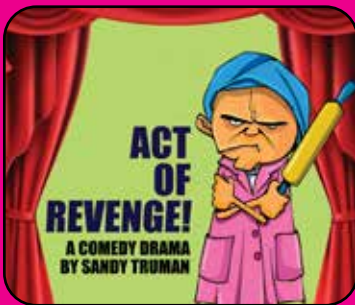
Sept 12th @ 8.00pm £15 / £10



## Keep Your Sunny Side Up! by David Hampshire

In the mid-1930's Gracie Fields, was Britain's most successful variety artist and the highest earning female performer in the world. Keep Your Sunny Side Up! tells the 'rags to riches' story of Gacie's 75 year career

Sept 25th - 27th @ 7.30pm £13.50/£10



## Act Of Revenge

Follow Julia's story as she navigates her fading acting career as a woman 'of a certain age'.

If you want serious, deep and to delve into the angst of these terrible times – this play is not for you. If you want funny, entertaining and a darned good story, then this is definitely the play for you.

Oct 10th - 11th @ 7.45pm £16 / £14



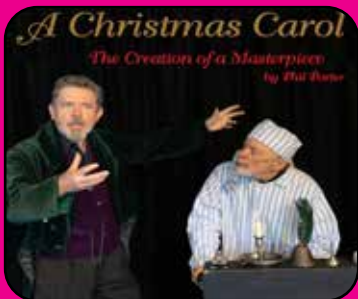
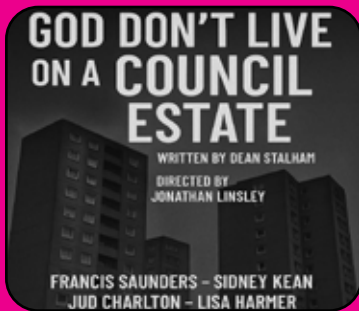
## An Introduction to Playwriting: Staged Readings

New plays from ACT's Introduction To Playwriting Course. Each student has developed a new play and extracts will be performed, script in hand, by professional actors.

Oct 12th @ 7.30pm £6



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### **God Don't Live On A Council Estate** by Dean Stalham

God Don't Live On A Council Estate but Arthur Dolan does! An ebullient psychopath who runs the council estate he lives on with an iron fist. When Arthur's grandson Danny Boy, returns from Spain, a web of dark family secrets is revealed.

Oct 17th - 18th @ 7.30pm £12.50 / £10

### **Next Level Sketch's Halloween Cabaret Special**

A superbly hilarious and spooky Halloween medley of Sketch Comedy, Cabaret, Clowning and Music from Next Level Comedy and friends.

Nov 1st @ 7.30pm £12 / £10

### **Nachtland**

by Marius von Mayenburg

As Nicola and Philipp are clearing out their late father's house, they find an old painting stashed in the attic: signed 'A. Hitler'. Nicola wants to sell it. Philipp wants to keep it. Philipp's wife Judith wants to burn it.

Dec 2nd - 5th @ 7.30pm £12 / £10

### **A Christmas Carol : The Creation of a Masterpiece**

It is 1843 and Dickens is desperately short of cash. In desperation, he begins writing "A Christmas Carol." This is a light-hearted look at the process that brought us this much loved classic.

Dec 14th @ 2.30pm £15 / £8

As the First World War unfolds, three friends in rural Sussex feel very different calls to duty: changing their lives forever

# DUTY

EXCITING WORK  
"fresh and urgent"  
Fringe Review

★★★★★  
"respectful, moving, dramatic,  
heartbreaking and authentic"  
Theatre in Brighton

"An important story  
and a gripping watch"  
Brighton Source



Written and directed by Award Winning Brighton Based Playwright

Susanne Crosby

Thurs 6th - Sun 9th November 7.00pm each eve

The Lantern Theatre, 77 St James' Street,

Brighton BN2 1PA - Tickets £12.50

[www.ticketsource.co.uk/act](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/act)

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DNA STUDIO PRESENTS

# RTFM

★★★★★  
The Wax Review

★★★★★  
Sinners Review

★★★★★  
A Youngish Perspective

★★★★  
Broadway Baby

★★★★  
The Reviewers Hub

OFFIES  
FINALIST  
2023



READ THE F\*\*\*ING MANUAL

Boston, 1872

ghosts?

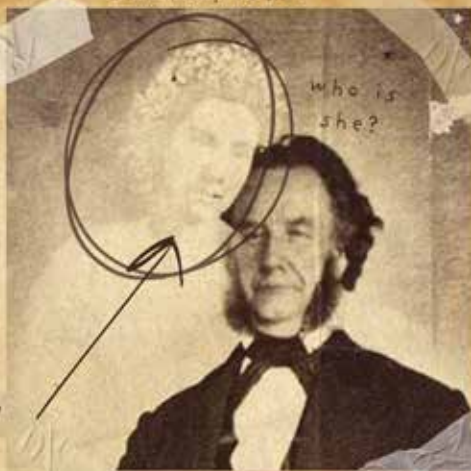
what did  
he know?



London, 1874?

who is  
she?

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# MEDIUM

A GHOST STORY

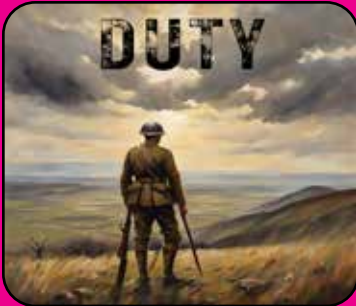
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# Second Chance Fringe

A dazzling line up of sell-out shows from Brighton Fringe 2025 - back by popular demand!  
You saw fantastic, 5 star reviews but couldn't get a ticket as the show sold out?  
You heard how brilliant the show was but were performing that same night so missed it?

Fear not - here's a **SECOND CHANCE** to see it.

**ALL SHOWS £12.50 OR DOUBLE BILL FOR £20**



## **Duty** by Susanne Crosby

As the First World War unfolds, three friends in rural Sussex feel very different calls to duty; changing their lives forever. John and his mum Mags run their farm with Joe and Harry's help: these three men are the closest of friends. At the declaration of War, all their lives change: challenging their values and the bond between them.

Nov 6th - 9th @ 7.00pm



## **Medium** by Isaac Freeman

A True Ghost Story adapted from an anonymous memoir. In 1875, two of London's favourite spiritualist Mediums are waiting for a Seance to begin but not everything is as it appears to be - at least to one of them. Who is really pulling the strings? And what exactly is it that is haunting them?

Nov 7th - 8th @ 9.00pm



## **RTFM** by DNA Studio

RTFM = Read The F\*\*\*\*\*G Manual  
In the heart of chaos and conflict, against the backdrop of war, a couple embark on a seemingly ordinary task: assembling an IKEA wardrobe. Through the act of building: their furniture, life, and relationship, they discover that even in the darkest moments, there's hope.

Nov 15 @ 7.00pm

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# Second Chance Fringe



## **PROVOCATEUR** by Letitia Delish

Provocateur is a bold new show from drag fetish sensation, Letitia Delish about her world as an ex dominatrix. Follow her story from the sordid sessions to the eye opening experiences that started out as a quick way to pay rent, to becoming their first ways to explore their gender and their trans identity.

Nov 21 @ 7.00pm



## **DELIGHTFULLY DARK** with Victor Von Plume

Prepare for a hilarious and heart-warming journey into the great unknown with "Delightfully Dark," where laughter meets the afterlife in a cabaret that celebrates the absurdity of death!

Nov 21st @ 9.00pm



## **ROMIET** by Gazelle Theatre

Romiet follows Romeo and Juliet meeting after the events in the famous play. With the question : "Will they get back together now that Romeo is a drag queen?"

Can Juliet put her beliefs aside for the love of her life?

Nov 22nd @ 7.00pm



## **WITH RUBY & I** by Corrina O'Beirne

Mags and Ruby are in their tin-can flat, Mags's mum Queenie has "downsized" into an urn, so now it's all about our two friends. With Ruby and I is a break-neck speed, dark comedy about the complexity of friendships, sex, betrayal and love.

Nov 22 @ 9.00pm & Nov 23 @ 7.00pm



# PROVOCATEUR

BY LETTIA DELISH



**THEATRICAL  
MOVES**  
BRINGING THEATRE  
TO YOUR COMMUNITY

## *A Christmas Carol*

*The Creation of a Masterpiece*  
by Phil Porter



**ON TOUR NOV - DEC**

"It's Dickens with a Twist", "Superb acting",  
"Amazing light-hearted fun", "Captivating!"

[www.theatricalmoves.co.uk](http://www.theatricalmoves.co.uk)

## ~~Ruby~~ and I

by Corrina O'Beirne



*Fourth Floor  
presents*

## Romiet

The Drag  
Romance Is  
Back!!



"The Hottest  
Queen  
You've Ever  
Seen"

POSTER CREATED BY MAXIE HILBOURNE

**FRINGE**  
ENCORE SERIES

# Classes

Apply at

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### TWO WEEK WORKSHOP

Our Two Week Intensive Acting Workshop runs each month and is designed to introduce students to the basic principles and activities involved in an Actor Training.

The workshop runs from Monday to Thursday evening, 7pm - 10pm for 2 consecutive weeks. The workshop costs £200 in total

20th - 30th Oct    17th - 27th Nov  
19th - 29th Jan    2nd - 12th March



### Age Positive Stage Acting Workshop - Beginners Level

All the world's a stage and it's never too late to be a player! Acting is a great way to boost confidence and memory whilst building connections over shared experiences. Join us to have fun and learn theatre skills, whether you're new to acting or want to rekindle your love of it. Recommended age: 35 years +

#### Wednesdays 1.00pm - 3.00pm

17th September - 22nd October  
5th November - 10th December



### Age Positive Stage Acting Workshop - Intermediate Level

This intermediate term of classes, taught in two 6 week blocks of 2 hour classes, is aimed at students who have already attended some drama classes and have started to use and understand the basic principles of acting and drama. It is a perfect follow on from our Beginners classes. Recommended age: 35 years +

#### Wednesdays 11.00am - 1.00pm

17th September - 22nd October  
5th November - 10th December

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## Scene Study Class - Advanced

In this new Scene Study Class, experienced and professional actors are put in pairs and asked to find a duologue they want to work on. There are four classes in each block and each week participants will work on staying present and connected with their partners with scripts in hand.

### Fridays 11.00am - 1.00pm

19th Sept - 10th Oct

17th Oct - 7th Nov

14th Nov - 5th Dec



## Screen Acting / Acting for Camera

If you're a fan of films and TV and have admired moving and memorable performances, our Introduction to Screen Acting course will introduce you to the techniques used by the actors.

### Fridays 11.00am - 1.00pm

19th Sept - 10th Oct

17th Oct - 7th Nov

14th Nov - 5th Dec



## Screen Acting / Acting for Camera Advanced Level

Using scene work and specialised exercises the course will increase your confidence and know-how, to feel ready and prepared when arriving on set.

### Fridays 2.00pm - 4.00pm

19th Sept - 10th Oct

17th Oct - 7th Nov

14th Nov - 5th Dec



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## Scriptwriting for Stage and Screen

Jan-Dec 2026

Online, with final  
in-person performance  
at ACT Brighton



### Tutors:

Playwright Sara Clifford: [www.saraclifford.com](http://www.saraclifford.com) and [www.inroads.org.uk](http://www.inroads.org.uk)  
Screenwriter Lisa Fulthorpe: [www.fireflyfilm.co.uk](http://www.fireflyfilm.co.uk)

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To find out more please contact:  
[lisa.fulthorpe@icloud.com](mailto:lisa.fulthorpe@icloud.com)

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More courses by Scriptease also at [www.lewesdepot.org/courses](http://www.lewesdepot.org/courses)

# NACHTLAND

by Marius von Mayenburg



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Philipp wants to keep it.

Philipp's wife Judith wants to burn it.

**2nd - 5th Dec @ 7.30pm**

£12 / £10

# An Introduction to Playwriting



This exciting course offers an introduction to some of the skills and techniques needed to write for theatre, as well as insights into the new writing industry in the UK.

The course culminates with a script in hand performance by professional actors in our Lantern Theatre.

**Module 1**

**26th Oct to 14th Dec 2025**

**Module 2**

**27th Jan to 24th Feb 2026**

**Show**

**22nd February 2026**

[www.actbrighton.org](http://www.actbrighton.org)







## THE ACADEMY OF CREATIVE TRAINING

ACT is Brighton's premier Drama School training adults for a career in the Acting Profession since 1997. All classes are evenings and weekends, enabling students to undertake Actor Training whilst maintaining their domestic and financial commitments. ACT attracts students of all ages and walks of life and enables people to realistically achieve their ambition of a career in the performing arts.

All our tutors are highly experienced, professional actors and directors who bring contemporary professional practice to their teaching.

ACT graduates are to be found working on National and European tours, on Netflix, Prime, BBC, ITV, and Ch4, Radio, Major and Independent Films, TIE tours, Commercials and Corporate Work.

Our ethos is to provide access to professional, vocational Actor Training for talented individuals unable to follow traditional routes into the acting profession.

## ACT COURSES

### DIPLOMA IN ACTING ATCL (2 YEAR)

The Diploma is open to students over 18 and there is no upper age limit. The Diploma is a demanding and intensive training course offering a comprehensive actor training. Prospective students must have talent, self belief, motivation, commitment, dedication, self discipline and a generosity of spirit. In return, ACT will provide an inspiring, nurturing, safe and supportive environment and has an absolute commitment to guiding each student to discover and develop their individual and unique talents and skills to the fullest possible extent.

The Diploma runs for six terms over 2 years, 72 weeks in all. Students are required to attend Monday to Thursday evening and Sunday daytime. Course commences September 2025.

Entry via The Two Week Workshop or by Audition.

## ONE YEAR FOUNDATION IN ACTING (1 Year)

This course offers a 1 Year part-time training in core acting skills and runs for three terms of 12 continuous weeks.

Foundation aims to equip students who wish to pursue actor training at Diploma level, but who lack the necessary experience, with the fundamental tools for progression. It also suits those students who wish to broaden their knowledge and practical skills in acting and drama but who do not necessarily wish to pursue a professional career.

Runs Sunday daytime and Monday evening. Entry via The Two Week Workshop or by Audition.

## TWO WEEK WORKSHOP

Our Two Week Intensive Workshop in Acting runs each month and is designed to introduce students to the basic principles and activities involved in Actor Training. Suitable for absolute beginners as well as those with previous performance experience. **See website for dates: [www.actbrighton.org](http://www.actbrighton.org).**

**20th - 30th Oct    17th - 27th Nov**  
**19th - 29th Jan    2nd - 12th March**

## DAYTIME CLASSES

### Age Positive Acting

#### Wednesdays

Beginners: 1.30pm - 3.00pm

Intermediate: 10.30am - 12.30pm

### Screen Acting

#### Fridays

Beginners: 11am - 1pm

Intermediate: 2pm - 4pm

### Scene Studies

#### Fridays

11am - 1pm



**See Classes Listings  
for more details....**

## AKT - ACT KIDS THEATRE

Weekly classes in Acting on Saturdays at ACT Brighton for 6 –19 year olds.

**Minis** (6-8 yrs) 9.30am - 10.15am      **Juniors** (9-11yrs) 10.30am - 12.00pm  
**Seniors** (12+ yrs) 12.30pm - 3.30pm      **ACT Youth** (14+ yrs) 1.30pm - 4.30pm

All classes taught by our enthusiastic & industry experienced tutors who are all DBS checked. Classes take place in our professionally equipped studio spaces.

**Winter: 13th Sept - 6th Dec (Half Term 1st Nov, no class)**

## AN INTRODUCTION TO PLAYWRITING

The course offers an introduction to some of the skills and techniques needed to write for theatre, as well as insights into the new writing industry in the UK and the process of moving a play from the page to the stage. Over the duration of the course, students will learn how good plays are constructed through exercises and discussions.

The course culminates in two workshop sessions with actors and a script in hand performance of the students work in front of an audience

Module 1 - 26th October to 14th December 2025

Module 2 - 27th January to 24th February 2026

Show - 22nd February 2026

## STUDIO HIRE

Our professionally equipped studios are available to hire and offer light and airy working spaces and rehearsal rooms. We have Dance Studios, Drama Studios and Meeting Rooms.

Spaces are available to hire daytime, evenings and weekends. Our spaces are suitable for a range of Dance and Drama activities as well as for meetings, teaching and training, yoga, martial arts, youth groups and so on. We can also offer desk or office space for artists or art based companies.



# ACT

**Dramatically Different since 1997**

**Acting Classes & Courses**

**No upper age limit**

**Beginners welcome**

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