

**EVERYMAN THEATRE CARDIFF LTD**

**OPEN AIR THEATRE FESTIVAL 2013**  
**At Sophia Gardens**  
**Cathedral Road**  
**Cardiff**



**AUDITION NOTICE**



**FAWLTY TOWERS**

**by John Cleese and Connie Booth**

**Performance Dates –**  
**Preview at Peterston Super Ely Church and**  
**Community Hall - 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> June**  
**[Psychiatrist & The Germans]**

**At Sophia Gardens, Cardiff -**  
**Mon.15<sup>th</sup>-Sun.21<sup>th</sup> July 2013**  
**including a matinee on Sat.20<sup>th</sup> July**  
**making a total of 8 performances**  
**Get-in, tech and dress rehearsal – Sun.14<sup>th</sup> July**

**Rehearsal period & rehearsals days to be confirmed.**  
Additional rehearsal days may be added nearer production period.

**Fawlty Towers** is a co-production with Mr Moose Presents who produced three other episodes last year. Actors will be returning to reprise their earlier roles.

The three episodes are extremely funny –

- **Gourmet Night** is a study in disaster – the duck slips on the floor and gets back-heeled; the car won't start; he's brought the wrong dish. And all this is slowly eating away at Basil's thin veneer of sophistication, his attempt to impress his posh guests.
- **The Psychiatrist** is a farce out of Feydeau or Brian Rix. Very slick including hiding in cupboards, falling off ladders, mistaken identity, inadvertent breast fondling, mealy mouthed excuses. It needs pace.
- **The Germans** takes everything one step further into the realms of absolute lunacy as Basil, not the calmest of people, suffers minor head trauma which tips him over the edge. The episode shifts from farce into the realms of the absurd.

**Roles already cast include:** Basil  
Sybil  
Manuel  
Polly  
Miss Gatsby  
Miss Tibbs

### Character List to be cast:

#### Gourmet Night

Andre	French chef; doing Basil a favour by recommending Kurt but aware of Kurt's problems.
Kurt	Greek chef; an alcoholic and with an unlikely crush on Manuel.
Colonel Hall	Very tall, with a twitch; also a man of great military bearing.
Mrs Hall	His wife; very small.
Mr & Mrs Twitcher	A well-to-do couple
Mr & Mrs Heath	Indulgent middle class parents
Master Heath	A spoilt brat

#### The Psychiatrist

Mr Johnson	70s medallion man
Dr Abbott	Psychiatrist
Dr Abbott	Dr Abbott's wife, also a doctor [paediatrician]
Raylene Miles	A young, attractive and vivacious Australian single female, into Yoga.
Mrs Johnson	Mr Johnson's mother; an old dear.
Girlfriend	[of Mr Johnson] who has been secretly staying in his room.

#### The Germans

Sister	A formidable no nonsense matron with a booming voice
Doctor	Very sensible and calming
Mr & Mrs Sharp	} Guests who become quite belligerent during the abortive fire drill.
Large Woman	
German guests	
Other German guests	2 couples; sane, rational and very nice people. Totally [and justifiably] offended by Basil's rant.

Recurring character in all three –

The Major	An old buffer; easily confused.
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**Auditions** will be on Wed 27<sup>th</sup> March in Peterston Church Hall from 7pm and Sat 30<sup>th</sup> March from 2pm in Chapter Arts Centre. Auditions will be in groups of no more than 6 and will last approximately one hour. They will consist of rehearsed readings/performances of extracts. There will be no need to prepare anything and scripts will be provided.

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Audition form for – ***FAWLTY TOWERS***

To book your audition time please contact  
Margaret Bourke on  
01656 890371  
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Please put a  
[current] photo  
of yourself  
here!

Please don't forget to bring this form  
complete with photograph to your audition!

Name.....

Date of audition.....time.....

Address.....

Postcode.....email address.....

Tel.no [home].....[work/mobile].....

Date of birth if **under 16** on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013 .....playing age.....

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE [continue overleaf if necessary].....

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NOTES:

Not cast/recalled/cast as.....acceptance rec'd **yes/no**

Fawlty Towers is one of the best-known, and most-loved, series from the halcyon days of British comedy—the 1970s. It starred John Cleese as irascible Torquay hotel owner Basil Fawlty, and Prunella Scales as his domineering wife Sybil—his “little nest of vipers”. Connie Booth played Polly the dependable maid and general assistant, and last but certainly not least, little Manuel superbly played by Andrew Sachs—the tyrannized waiter from Barcelona, dogsbody and subject of frequent physical attacks by the demented Basil! A description of tropes appearing in Fawlty Towers. A Sitcom created by John Cleese and Connie Booth which focused on Basil Fawlty, a bad-tempered snob who “If only she'd waited just another few minutes” Also in the same episode, when Sybil left Basil thinking he forgot their anniversary, he was quite upset. Bait-and-Switch Comment: In "The Waldorf Salad", as Mr. Hamilton chews out Basil Fawlty on how poorly-run his hotel is, Major Gowen seems to spring to his defense Fawlty Towers, Torquay. 31,643 likes · 1,333 talking about this. Fawlty Towers. I have just heard that you have to quarantine for fourteen days after you come back from Iceland but does that apply to farm foods as well? Fawlty Towers. 3 October at 03:26 · See all. Fawlty Towers Wiki is a fan created website which is dedicated to being able to provide detailed information on all the different aspects of the classic BBC television series Fawlty Towers, including characters, episodes, locations, cast etc. Since this is a fan made wiki, this means that Fawlty Towers is a British Sitcom produced by the BBC which ran from 1975 to 1979. The British Film Institute declared it the Best British television programme ever made, in 2000. It is one of the jewels in the crown of British comedy.