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# My Loose Head

by Clifford Oliver

directed by Carole Pluckrose

**performed by Arc Community Players**

18 to 23 July 2011

at venues around the London Borough  
of Barking & Dagenham



## Director's Note

I am very excited that we are almost into production week with **My Loose Head** by Clifford Oliver. Now in its third year and fourth performance, the Arc Community Players team includes a wide range of people of all ages and backgrounds who join the company to make new theatre. It's fantastic to be part of a project that brings the generations together to work towards a shared purpose. Our space at The Malthouse has a real buzz about it as everyone gets ready for the week of performances following several months of workshops, learning new skills, sharing stories and working with the writer to develop ideas for the script.

This is a totally inclusive project - we do not audition, but work to build original performances with people who want to take part in the transformational experience of drama.

Last year's community play **The Marvel of Muddy End** was designed as a site-specific piece in which we built a whole village environment on the ground floor of The Malthouse, and invited our audiences to join the action through a promenade. In contrast, this year we decided to create a piece designed for touring to venues around Barking and Dagenham, giving our community players the opportunity to experience adapting to different spaces. We hope to reach new audiences across the Borough and to encourage people to get involved with the project and join us!

**My Loose Head** is the story of local girl Bella Deller. Spanning thirty years of her life through the eyes of her parents Eileen and Roy, we get a glimpse of Bella's trials and tribulations, including her teenage crush on local rugby star Jason Leonard! It's a story about love, disappointment and personal struggle, but ultimately, it's a story of hope and aspiration.

Carole Pluckrose, Artistic Director and Chief Executive Officer, Arc

## Arc Community Players Cast List

### Band/Musical Chorus

Mr Nesbitt	Reuben Ocansey
Grainne	Tayla Chapman
Katrina	Maria Pia Grizzuti
Sienna	Siana Stoddart
Sonja	Nicky B

### The Deller Family

Bella Deller	Theresa Onyemah
Danny Deller	T'rell Robinson
Eileen Deller (older)	Joan Tucker
Eileen Deller (younger)	Christina Ford
Roy Deller (older)	John Barthram
Roy Deller (younger)	Alex Tucker

### Children/Ensemble

Angela	Olivia Weeks
Brenda	Joyce Angel
Cara	Shana Noelise
George	Clarence Mukabeta
Kevin	Robin Dixon
Marlon	Michael Odiaka
Nat	Rachel Hayden
Sophie	Rhianna Powell

### Adults/Ensemble

Miss Carmichael	Ann Thain
Mrs Conway	Lin Russell
Dave Ross	Paul Thorne
Jean Turvey	Natalie Shereni

### For Arc

Director: Carole Pluckrose  
Writer and Musical Director: Clifford Oliver  
Assistant Director: Kat Young  
Production Manager: Josh Cass  
Assistant Production Manager: Laura Manickamchetty  
Costume Designer: Theresa Snooks  
Photography: Theresa and Katie Snooks  
Master Carpenter: Scott Carver  
Rugby Consultant: Rocky Murphy