

Trading Stories performances in Barking & Dagenham:

Sunday 23 August 2009 at 7pm
The LIFT, Abbey Green

Tuesday 25 August at 4pm
Eastbury Manor House

Wednesday 26 August at 7:30pm
The Malthouse Studios

Thursday 27 August at 7:30pm
Kingsley Hall

Saturday 29 August at 1:30pm
Mayesbrook Park

Saturday 29 August at 6:30pm
Old Dagenham Park

All performances free of charge except The LIFT, Abbey Green: £6 / £3 concessions / £1 Barking & Dagenham residents

For more information about Arc's Community Play project, contact Josh Cass on 020 8594 1095 or email josh@arctheatre.com

Based in the London Borough of Barking & Dagenham, Arc is an award-winning theatre company that creates and develops new theatre and drama-based projects for young people and the wider community. For more information about the Company, contact General Manager Nita Bocking on 020 8594 1095, email nita@arctheatre.com or visit www.arctheatre.com

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Trading Stories by Clifford Oliver
directed by Andy Rogers for Arc

Created with and performed by
Barking & Dagenham Community Players
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Barking & Dagenham Community Players - Cast List

Dee Betts - Mrs Peggy Crowe (Fortune Teller)

Portsmouth-born Dee has lived in the Borough close to her family for over 50 years. Dee believes that Barking & Dagenham is the best part of the world and loves her work because of all the amazing people she has met. Though she has not acted before, she did once dance in a lobster pot!

Robin Dixon - Mr Marino (Ice-cream Maker)

Born and bred in the Borough, Robin's favourite thing about Barking & Dagenham is the people. Robin is a governor of the North East London NHS Foundation Trust and **Trading Stories** is his acting debut!

Christina Ford - Queenie Stump (Candle Seller)

Christina hasn't acted since school and is thrilled to be treading the boards again! She has lived in the Borough all her life and loves living here because she's close to her family and likes everything that's on offer in the area.

Hollie Green - Edith (Mrs Prosser's Maid)

First-time actor Hollie has learnt about character work, team-building and how to learn lines through the **Trading Stories** project. She has lived with her family here in the Borough all her life and is interested in music, drama and the media.

Laura Haddow - Mrs Prosser-Evans (Philanthropist)

East Sussex-born Laura has lived in the Borough for five years. She loves it here for the sense of community and the characters that she works with. Having never performed to an audience before, finding out that she can learn lines and work outside her comfort zone has given Laura a real sense of achievement!

David Hayward - Brendon O'Brien (Sausage Maker)

A bit of a swashbuckler, David recently won a fencing competition! He has lived in the Borough all his life and likes it here because it's close to everything.

Benham Heidari - New Bloke (Toy Seller)

Benham has been living in the Borough for over two years. He has enjoyed being involved in the **Trading Stories** project as he feels that he has learnt to be part of the Borough, which he loves because of the diversity of people who live here.

Clinton Jackson - James (Jack) Oliver (Police Constable)

Clint has surprised himself by how he has been able to learn his lines, having never acted before. He has lived in Barking & Dagenham all his life and likes it because all his friends live in the area.

Shana Noelise - Rose (Flower Seller)

Budding actress Shana has lived in the Borough for a year and says her favourite thing about it is being involved with Arc! She has done some acting before, at school and with Arc's Barking & Dagenham Youth Theatre, and feels that **Trading Stories** has really boosted her performance and communication skills.

Lin Russell - Kitty Hawkins (Washer-Woman)

Heavy Metal music-loving Lin has lived in Barking for 26 years. From Cambridge originally, Lin is one of the more experienced actors in the group - she appeared in several earlier Barking & Dagenham Community Plays produced by Arc.

Paul Thorne - Lob Norris (Knife Sharpener)

First-time actor Paul has lived in the Borough for 30 years, but was born in Taunton in Somerset. Paul has really enjoyed being involved in the **Trading Stories** project as he has made lots of new friends through it.

Alex Tucker - Tommy Brown (The Ragman)

When not flexing his acting muscles, Alex can be found kayaking in Mayesbrook Park ... he can even do an Eskimo Roll in a kayak! (We don't know what that is either!) Having lived in the Borough all his life, he has enjoyed the project because it has given him a chance to learn about the history of the area.

Liz Williams - Liza Bound (Gossip)

Liz is a bit of wanderer, with family spread across the UK and having lived all over London before settling in Barking two-and-a-half years ago. When she was small her mum wanted her to be a newsreader, and though she might not be doing that, she has been involved with all kinds of artistic projects over the years!

Tracey Wilton - Vera Knight (Slop Seller and Drunk)

Tracey says that the last time she acted was when she had a tantrum as a child! She is a holistic therapist and has lived in the Borough all her life. The things that she likes most about the area are the parks and all the activities that go on.

Directed by Andy Rogers

Produced by Carole Pluckrose

Original music composed and performed by Clifford Oliver

Project Management by Josh Cass

Costumes by Theresa Snooks

Photography by Katie Snooks

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