



THE
Archway
YOUTH WORKSHOP

Conundrum

Devised by
Archway Theatre Youth
Workshop

Directed by
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27th 28th 29th June 2002



It is incredible to think that this is the 9th Archway Theatre - Youth Workshop Production, and the 7th since Jacquie & Eddie Redfern have been its leaders. Now well established having its own slot in the Archway Theatre timetable, after the main June production. Unlike our main house productions the Workshop only get 3 or 4 rehearsals on stage!

In September this production will be seen by visiting members of the Little Theatre Guild (LTG), as part of our contribution to the LTG Southern region AGM being hosted by the Archway Theatre.

We continue to provide sessions on Saturdays for 9-12 years old and 13 to 16 years old. It is regrettable that from this September we will have to discontinue the Wednesday - Junior Workshops, as we can not find sufficiently qualified leaders. However the regular Workshop sessions themselves remain over-subscribed and we continue to have a waiting list.

Our philosophy is, we believe the right one, and is fully supported by the Archway Theatre Council of Management. That is to provide theatre workshop facilities for club & company members children where we explore and look at all aspects of theatre, with the aim of assisting the youngsters to develop in their own way and at their own pace. We do not try to create 'actors' but do encourage those that want to, to audition for the increasing number of roles available for young people in our main house productions. Or to assist back stage if that is their forte.

A number of parents regularly suggest that the cost of Workshop sessions should be increased, and this is reviewed by the council of management in line with the cost of Archway Theatre Club and Company Membership. The leaders are all volunteers so the cost is levied to cover heating, lighting, insurance and sundry purchases.

Eddie & I wish to thank all of the regular leaders, helpers, guest leaders and parents for their help and support over the last year. In particular the Archway members who support our efforts in many ways over the year.