Road Audition Notes

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Audition Date: Sunday 13th December 2026 3pm
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THE PLAY

We're on a night out in a post-industrial, run down Lancashire town in the 1980s. This is Thatcher's Britain and no one here has a job or any money but they'll make enough or scrounge enough for a few pints and a bag of chips – enough to have a laugh and forget about the daily grind of their lives. Guided by the wild, anarchic Scullery, we are taken on tour of a derelict road, moving from street corner to living room, from bedroom to kitchen where we meet the inhabitants - the young, middle-aged, and old, glimpsing both their desperation and their gritty resilience as they fight to survive.

This is a sharp, sad, funny, and angry play. The action moves swiftly and, at times, seemingly chaotically with short exchanges as characters encounter each other as the night moves on. These connections are punctuated by longer, more intense, poetic sections of dialogue, including duologues and monologues, where we are able to delve more deeply into the lives of those who live on this road.

The play contains strong language with references to domestic conflict, mental health, disordered eating, alcohol use, and aspects of life in a struggling community.

CASTING: 3f 4m

Please note, all actors apart from the person playing Scullery will play several roles. There are some quick changes from one role to the next.

Scullery – playing age30s/40s/50s. Wild and rum soaked. Escaped the town to join the Navy but now he's back. Knows everybody. Guides the audience through the play as he comments on the action.
Brenda/Molly/Helen/Marion – playing age 40s/50s. Helen appears for monologue only. Molly briefly sings unaccompanied.
Carol/Chantal/Dor – playing age late teens/20s
Louise/Clare/Lane/Valerie – playing age late teens/20s**.** Valerie appears for monologue only
Eddie's dad/Jerry/Brian – playing age 40s/50s. Jerry appears for monologue only
Brink/Joey/Mr & Mrs Bald/Louise's brother – playing age 20s/30s. Mrs Bald does not appear on stage but is voiced by Mr Bald
Eddie/Skin Lad/Bisto/Barry/Blowpipe - playing age 20s/30s
All actors will need to perform with a Lancashire accent, This is made easier by the language and rhythm of the writing however, I do not expect actors to come to audition with perfect accents – coaching will be given during rehearsals.

REHEARSAL DETAILS

Rehearsals will begin early February and take place on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday evenings. There will be a few Sundays to accommodate full runs/tech rehearsals etc. Rehearsals dates will be confirmed and there will be a read through shortly after casting.

AUDITION DETAILS

Auditions will take place on **Sunday 13th December 2pm** at the Barn.
Please contact the director with a completed audition form for audition pieces which will take the form of extracts from monologues and duologues. You do not need to learn the lines but good familiarity with the text is expected. It is likely that there will be call backs approximately one week after the first round of auditions. If you are unable to make the audition date, please contact me as soon as possible to make another arrangement.

**Please note 18th – 21st April where we will be doing tech and dress runs as well as show dates are non-negotiable. If you cannot make these dates you will not be able to participate in the production.*