

BOUNCERS RE-MIX BY JOHN GODBER

Remember disco? Retro music? The good old days when Friday night was clubbing night? Then come on down to The Little Theatre for our next production! Bouncers, by John Godber, is bursting with imagination and wit and presented by just four actors playing over thirty characters, Bouncers is an outrageous and hilarious parody of the disco scene. The Bouncers tell the story of a Friday night out on the town in the 90's set around a seedy night club. We see them as giggly girls and lads on the make preparing for the big night out as we follow their progress to the disco floor. There, we also meet an entire cross-section of disco-goers! The evening's events are set against the tatty glitzy glamour, flashing lights and pulsating beat of the nightclub scene. The evening will be full of retro music, drama, high laughs and plenty of social comment.

OPEN AUDITIONS - amateur production of Bouncers by John Godber

Performance nights 17th-25th March 2023 - Audition date: 12th January 2023

Director: ANGELA GOSS

Audition note from the director:

'Bouncers' is a play by John Godber, set in a northern nightclub called Mr Cinders with the action focusing on the exploits of four doormen and the nightclub customers.

The play calls for four male performers and relies purely on the skill and versatility of its performers; their physicality, timing and ability to switch between a range of very different characters at pace, to change genre and direction from moment to moment. It requires the ability to hold the audience with facial expression and confidence in stage movement as well as a vocal performance range. If you are unable to attend this audition evening but would like to be considered, please contact us, and the director will arrange a separate audition time.

This amateur production is presented by special arrangement with Josef Weinberger.

If cast, actors are required to become members of the Dunstable Rep.

Characters

The first line of Bouncers, spoken by Lucky Eric, states "Ladies and Gentlemen, we present Bouncers". As such, the bouncers are the central characters and narrators of the play, although they also present all of the other characters.

Lucky Eric: Recently separated from his wife, Eric is a powerlifter and bouncer who often seems on the edge of a violent breakdown. Older than the other bouncers, he is seen as the wise owl and gives the impression that he is a deeper, more

thoughtful, character than the others. His monologues, which regularly interrupt the narrative, show his revulsion at the way that he sees young women being regularly objectified and exploited within the nightlife culture. Lucky Eric also plays Baz from the group of lads, Maureen (“short but nice-fat but sickly”) and the buxom Swede in the pornographic film.

Les: Eager to get in fights with the clubs clientele. He also plays Kev from the group of lads and Rosie, the birthday girl whose boyfriend is seen betraying her in the nightclub as well as various other nightclub patrons.

Judd: Involved in a bit of petty theft for extra income, Judd used to be a wrestler and was trained as a power-lifter by Eric. Throughout the night Judd seems keen to pick a fight with Eric. He also plays Terry from the group of lads and ‘plain’ Elaine, (“left school at sixteen with one GCSE in metalwork. I’m on the dole”). Judd plays both the barber and the hairdresser in the early scenes where we first meet the groups of girls and lads.

Ralph: Less explicitly aggressive than some of the other bouncers. He trains in judo and is described by Eric as “Mr Inner Calm”. Ralph also plays Jerry from the group of lads, Suzy “Sexy and flashing it about a bit”, the club DJ, Nobby the Swedish postman in the pornographic film