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TEDDINGTON THEATRE CLUB PRESENTS AN AMATEUR PRODUCTION
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Breadcrumbs

By Jennifer Haley

Directed by Andy Smith and Jane Marcus

Sun 18 Jun – Sat 24 Jun 2017

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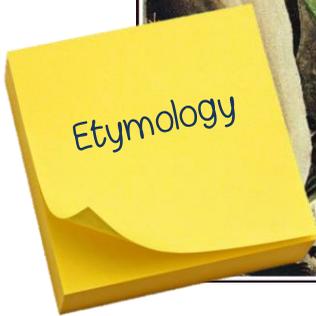
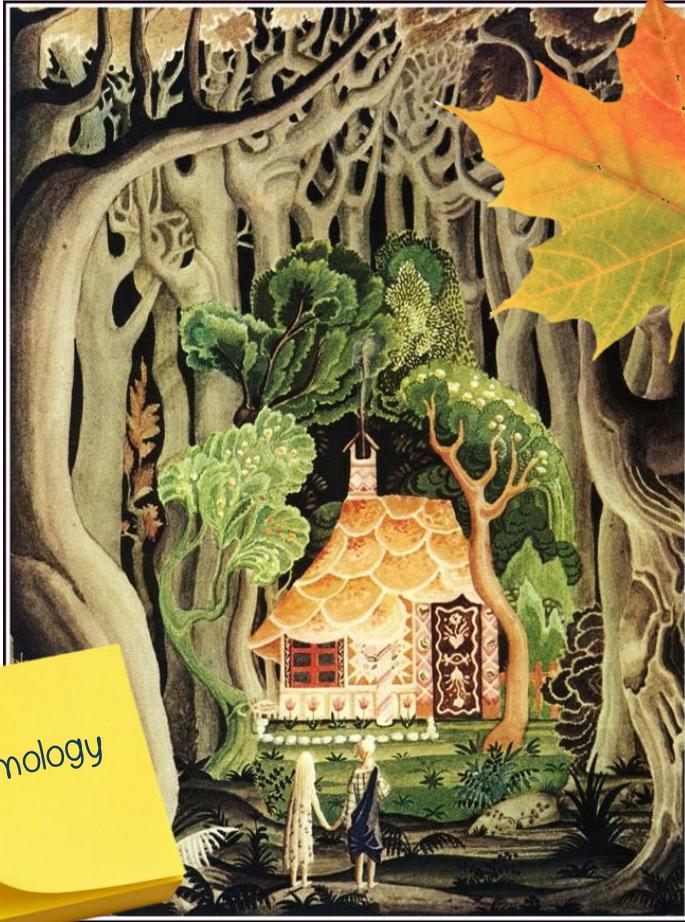
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Wheelchair positions are available in both stalls and the balcony. The Box Office Manager will be happy to discuss your requirements.

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THE BAR IS OPEN AFTER THE SHOW

The foyer bar remains open after the show and is well used by cast, crew and members. We extend a very warm welcome to everyone who has been to see the performance - it is an ideal opportunity to meet the actors you have seen performing, find out more about our theatre and our club or simply relax over a drink.



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PLEASE DON'T SPOIL THE PERFORMANCE

We respectfully request all members of the audience to make sure that mobile phones are switched off during the performance. Thank you.

REFLECTIONS

The idea behind performing *Breadcrumbs* had its origins in a Hampton Hill restaurant where, after several glasses of wine, the discussion turned to the relative paucity of strong, meaningful roles for women. I rather boldly, (did I mention the wine?) said that, if we could find a contemporary play which deals with powerful issues, has a compelling storyline and offered superb opportunities for actresses of great talent, then I would try my hand at directing; something that I have never properly done before, but which I have always wanted to experience. The next morning, Jane left a copy of *Breadcrumbs* on my doorstep, and here we are.

When anyone has asked me what the play is about, I have answered that it is a work which has many layers, and engages the full range of emotional experiences. There is humour, sadness, fear and surprise, swirling around the story of Alida, a successful writer who is diagnosed with an unspecified form of dementia. Her relationship with Beth, a nurse cum companion who tries to help Alida write her final story before it is too late, is at the heart of this tale, and provides the base upon which Alida's past can finally be revealed.

I would like to thank the cast and crew, all of whom have worked so very hard to bring *Breadcrumbs* to fruition. Most of all, I would like to thank my co-director, Jane Marcus, for the dedication, enthusiasm and commitment which she has given to this project. Without her, there would be no production.

Jennifer Haley's entrancing and moving play is one which deserves a wider exposure, and Jane and I would like to thank you for coming to see it this evening. We hope you enjoy it.

Andy Smith



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Jennifer Haley is an award-winning American playwright. She grew up in San Antonio, Texas and studied acting at the University of Texas at Austin for her undergraduate degree. Haley also received a MFA in playwriting at Brown University in 2005, where she worked under American playwright and professor, Paula Vogel. Now living in Los Angeles, Haley is pursuing a career in theatre, film and television.

Haley first began writing during her last few years of her undergraduate degree to increase the number of roles available to women.

Her play, *The Nether*, was staged by Centre Theatre Group in March 2013, at the Royal Court Theatre in July 2014, and at the MCC Theatre in February 2015. It won the 2012 Susan Smith Blackburn Prize and seven Los Angeles Ovation Awards. In January 2015, the Royal Court production transferred to the West End.

Other works by Haley include *The Butcher's Daughter* (2000), *Froggy* (2009) and *Sustainable Living* in 2014.

In addition to her work for the theatre, Haley wrote for the Netflix series *Hemlock Grove*.



Bones,
stuffed
animals



CAST

ALIDA Joolz Connery

BETH Lara Parker

CREW

DIRECTOR Andy Smith

DIRECTOR Jane Marcus

STAGE MANAGER Stephanie Von Wiera

SET & DESIGN Fiona Auty

LIGHTING Steph Pang

SOUND John Pyle

MUSIC Will Williams

COSTUME Zoe Harvey-Lee

PHOTOGRAPHY Sarah Carter

ARTISTIC LINK Lottie Walker

There is no interval in the show.
The running time is approximately 80 minutes.

SPECIAL THANKS

- Francesca Stern for all her help with the set
- Jack Tidball and Luke Daxon for their help as part of the production and stage crew
- All those at TTC who work behind the scenes, bar, in the office and box office.

CAST BIOGRAPHIES



**JOOLZ
CONNERY**

Joolz has been a member of TTC since 2000 and is thrilled to be treading the boards again, following an enjoyable stint as Artistic Director. Having played some interesting roles in the past, Mrs Robinson in *The Graduate* and Beverly in *Abigail's Party* to name a just a couple of favourites, Joolz is particularly pleased to be playing such a thought provoking and important role. This performance is dedicated to those that suffer and those that care for them.

Having always loved treading the boards, Lara is thrilled to be doing her first show with TTC. She is looking forward to the challenges of doing her first two hander...seeing as her last role was an Italian circus master. It will be nice to not have to pencil on a false moustache for every performance.



**LARA
PARKER**

High heels,
text
messages

CREW BIOGRAPHIES

ANDY SMITH - DIRECTOR

Andy has been involved with the local amateur drama scene for over 20 years, having been fortunate enough to have been involved in many excellent productions with a number of local groups, including TTC, OHADS and St Mary's Drama Group. He has won two Acting Swan Awards, playing such diverse characters as Tony Hancock and Albert Pierrepont (Britain's most prolific public executioner of the 20th century). Andy served on the TTC Play Selection Committee for a number of years, and has finally plucked up the courage to "cross the footlights" and try his hand at directing. After this experience, he would now like to apologise to every director he has served under, and promises to be better next time (if cast!). He hopes that you enjoy this very special play this evening, and would like to dedicate tonight's performance to the memory of Chris Smith.

JANE MARCUS - DIRECTOR

This is Jane's first experience of directing, and she has discovered a newfound respect for any director whom she has previously worked with, or will do in the future. It is an equally terrifying and exciting challenge, with a lot of learning along the way. Jane is usually to be found on the stage and was last seen as Elinor in *The Cat's Meow*. Other notable roles have been Stevie, in Hugh Whitmore's play of the same name, and Sara Turing in *Breaking the Code*, Myra in *Colder Than Here*, and Dora Strang in *Equus*.



STEPHANIE VON WIERA – STAGE MANAGER

Steph is incredibly honoured to have been asked to SM for Jane and Andy and is looking forward to working on this incredibly thought-provoking show. A regular on and off the Hampton Hill stage, recent projects have included *When Strawberries are not Enough*, *Titanic the Musical* with YAT, and *The Producers* with BROS. By the time you're reading this, she would have just returned from a week at the Minack Theatre and starting prep for a summer at the Edinburgh Fringe. When she's not hiding in the wings, she's singing for her supper with her duo The Paper Songbirds or planning weddings!

FIONA AUTY – SET DESIGN

Having completed the panto twice and *Billy Liar* on the main stage, this is her second show in the studio after *Stevie* - so she must be getting something right. Fiona just likes to do anything creative - in her spare time she is a potter, dressmaker, builds props, renovates furniture, decorates and creates sets. Hopefully you will enjoy the immersive experience of the woods today.

STEPH PANG - LIGHTING

Steph got involved in lighting at TTC joining the crew for *Equus* and *Much Ado About Nothing* for practical experience while gaining a diploma in architectural lighting. Her design credits include TTC's *Side by Side by Sondheim*, for which she was nominated for a Swan Award, *The River* for OHADs, *The Cat's Meow* and most recently *The Pillowman*. Steph is interested in the role light can play in productions with little or no scenery or set changes, and *Breadcrumbs* provides a particularly intriguing challenge.



JOHN PYLE – SOUND

John sings a lot, acts a little, and enjoys designing and operating sound for shows – especially at Hampton Hill Theatre. He hopes *Breadcrumbs* more than lives up to its name!

WILL WILLIAMS - MUSIC

Apart from his day job as an osteopath, Will has been composing music for many years including the score and lyrics for a musical version of *A Christmas Carol* at Hampton Hill Theatre which got a Swan Award; the music and lyrics for a pantomime, *Puss in Boots* and incidental music for various plays and a ballet. He prefers to write incidental music and describes his work as 'soundscapes'. Will is not ashamed to own up to writing melodious music.

ZOE HARVEY-LEE - COSTUME

Zoe's early training in couture millinery has given her a keen eye for costume detailing and an appreciation of accessorising. Working closely with the actors as they develop their roles, she looks to help them optimise their interpretation of the character through some of the subtleties of the costume. Her most recent TTC production was *The Cat's Meow*.



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