

Death and the Maiden

by Ariel Dorfman

27th February-4th March 2023

When I first read *Death and the Maiden* many years ago I was struck by how very well-written it was, so when Medway Little Theatre asked me to select a few plays to direct, *Death and the Maiden* was up there for sure! A thought-provoking, turbulent and powerful story, and a dream come true to direct. The hardworking cast have really embellished their roles and with a strong backstage crew I am sure you will walk away having gone on this journey, as I have, with as many questions as answers.

Paulina is played by Lisa Gibbons, who audiences will remember from last year's *Educating Rita*, with Brian Holmes (*Taking Steps*) as her husband Gerardo, and Chris Parnell makes a welcome return to the MLT stage as Roberto, the doctor.

Ariel Dorfman, born 1942, is an Argentine-Chilean-American novelist and playwright whose work tackles the themes of tyrannical regimes. He wrote *Death and the Maiden* in 1990, and described the central theme of the play to be 'the stark, painful Chilean transition to democracy'.

Penelope Wilton, Juliet Stevenson, Glenn Close, and Thandiwe Newton, among many other luminaries of the stage and screen, have all portrayed Paulina, the protagonist of this thrilling play. We hope you enjoy this play that will thrill, surprise, and make you think.

Fiona McGahren, Director



Cast

Paulina Salas	Lisa Gibbons
Gerardo Escobar	Brian Holmes
Roberto Miranda	Chris Parnell

Crew

Director	Fiona McGahren
Stage Manager	Peter Clark
Assistant Stage Manager	William Barnard
Light	Menno Willemes
Sound	Ian McWilliams, Mic Aldington
Set	Del de Lorme, John Kennefick John Firman, Andy Kelly

Coming Up

HAMLET
by William Shakespeare
18 – 27 May 2023

The famous play, often regarded as Shakespeare's finest play, has never before been performed on our stage. Michael Bath (*As You Like It, She Stoops to Conquer, The Beauty Queen of Leenane*) has overseen a new abridgement of the script and assembled a cast and crew of our finest talent to bring you this classic tragedy of revenge.

How to join

Medway Little Theatre always welcomes new members. Come along to one of our social evenings on Tuesdays at 8pm when shows are not on, get acquainted, and pick up a membership form. Check our website for more details, or email membership@mlt.org.uk.

What do you want to see?

Our Production Committee would be very interested in your suggestions for our coming seasons, especially if you would be interested in directing or producing. Please send your ideas to info@mlt.org.uk.

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Tickets £11
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