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### **ALTON FRINGE THEATRE**

Has been performing plays, musicals and other dramatic presentations in Alton for over 20 years. Recent performances have included:-

2008 Salome (at the Edinburgh Fringe) - Kindertransport.

2009 Charles Darwin - Moll Flanders, the Musical.

2010 Great Expectations - Medea

2011 Passages from India - Blue Remembered Hills

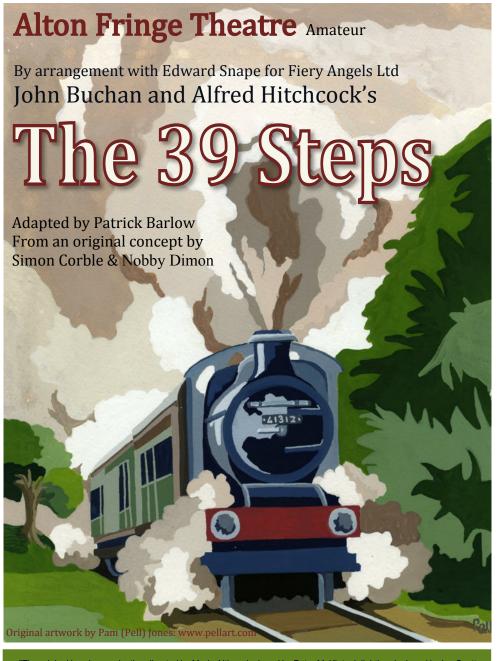
2012 *The Brightness in the Room* (readings from Dickens) The Theatre's home is the Drama Studio at Amery Hill School. Membership of the *Fringe* is free and would-be actors and supporters are welcome.

#### Mailing list

If you did not receive notice of *The 39 Steps* in an envelope addressed to you personally, you might like to go on our mailing list for future AFT productions. If so, please sign up on the sheet in the foyer.

For further details of all our activities and how to contact us go to www.altonfringe.com.





"The original London production directed by Maria Aitken designed by Peter McKintosh lighting designed by Ian Scott sound designed by Mic Pool and movement directed by Toby Sedgwick opened at the Tricycle Theatre in Kilburn in August 2006 and transferred to the Criterion Theatre in the West on 14th September 2006. The original production was directed by Fiona Buffini. This production is licensed and the films distributed by ITV Global Entertainment Ltd"

### Cast

Richard Hannay: Chris Lang

Mr Memory/Salesman 1/Policeman 1/Paperboy/

Inspector/Mrs McGarrigle/Heavy 1: Tim Guilding

Salesman 2/Policeman 2/Porter/Sheriff/Mr McGarrigle/ Heavy 2/Chief Inspector Allbright: Sarah Castle-Smith

Annabella Schmidt: Jo Foulkes

Pamela: Hannah Brown

Margaret: Heather Davies

Compere/Mr McQuarrie: Ian Dussek

Crofter/Mr Dunwoody: David Rae

Professor/Radio Announcer: James Willis

Milkman/Performer: Penny Cushing

Mrs Higgins/Pilot 1/Performer: Chris Chappell

Mrs Jordan/Pilot 2 : Alison de Ledesma

### Company

Directors: Barbara Rayner, Louise Dilloway

Lighting: Andrew Stickland

Sound: Sue Hubbard

Set: Mike Biddiss, Morris Hopkins,

Eric Shimmin, James Willis

Stage Managers: Lesley Willis, Catherine Gerlach

Costumes: Alison de Ledesma

Front of house: Morris Hopkins & Friends of the Fringe

Programme & Publicity: Barbara Rayner, James Willis

# Patrick Barlow and The 39 Steps

**Patrick Barlow** (born 18<sup>th</sup> March 1947) is an English actor, comedian and playwright. His comedic alter ego, Desmond Olivier Dingle, is the founder, Artistic Director and Chief Executive of the two-man National Theatre of Brent, which has performed on stage, on television and on radio. Barlow is the scriptwriter, as well as lead performer, in many National Theatre of Brent productions.

His adaptation of 'The 39 Steps' is based on Alfred Hitchcock's famous 1935 film interpretation of John Buchan's book. Using the film as a blue-print, he claims he 'Just took the film and then added things that make me laugh'. The result is a play that not only captures the suspense, sexual tension and adventure of the Hitchcock film, but also affectionately parodies the 30s 'By Golly!'style whilst adding a hearty dollop of slapstick. A spoof of spies and sleuths with damsels who are not so much distressed as repressed, it has all the elements of a ripping yarn.

The play premiered in June 2005 at the West Yorkshire Playhouse before being revised and re-opening at London's Tricycle Theatre in August 2006. Following a successful run it then transferred to the Criterion Theatre in Piccadilly in September 2006. It won the Olivier award for 'Best New Comedy' and is currently playing in over 26 countries worldwide...and the small market town of Alton.

## Original Cast 2006 (London Tricycle Theatre)

Annabella Schmidt / Margaret / Pamela Catherine McCormack

(Alton's own!)

Richard Hannay Charles Edwards
Clown 1 Simon Gregor
Clown 2 Rupert Degas