

## **A BUNCH OF AMATEURS**

Playing dates 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at Woodford Community Centre. SK7 1PS

Keen to boost his flagging career, fading Hollywood action hero Jefferson Steele arrives in England to play King Lear in Stratford – only to find that this is not the birthplace of the Bard but a sleepy Suffolk village. And instead of Kenneth Branagh and Dame Judi Dench, the cast are a bunch of amateurs trying to save their theatre from developers.

Jefferson's monstrous ego, vanity, and insecurity are tested to the limit by the enthusiastic am-dram thespians. As acting worlds collide and Jefferson's career implodes, he discovers some truths about himself – along with his inner Lear!

### **Cast**

4 Females and 3 Males:-

#### **Jefferson Steel**

Fading Hollywood star, arrogant, brash gauche, playing age 40+

#### **Dorothy Nettle**

Chair of the Stratford Players, sweet and accommodating but with a steel core, playing age 40+

#### **Jessica Steel**

Jefferson's daughter, neglected by her father and determined to make him pay for it, playing age, 17 to late 20s

#### **Nigel Dewsbury**

Leading light of the players, pompous and stuck up, has a 'thing' for Dorothy, playing age 40+

#### **Mary Plunkett**

Member of players, owner of the B and B where Jefferson stays. Jolly and kind, a HUGE Jefferson Steele fan, playing age 40+

#### **Denis Dobbins**

Member of players and odd job man, star struck by Jefferson, playing age any

#### **Lauren Bell**

Member of players and wife of the sponsor, loves the arts and smarter than her husband allows her to be, playing age late 20s to late 30s

Accents:- although the play is set in Suffolk a local accent is not needed. Although Jefferson and Jessica are American I don't want a strong American accent for either of them. Any Queries, [please email me](mailto:johnlomax@woodfordcommunitycentre.co.uk).

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