

Tartuffe

MOLIÈRE



2026
SEASON
YAT est 1970

Registered Charity No.: 1165458

WED 15TH APR - SAT 18TH APR

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HAMPTON HILL
THEATRE



Director's Notes

Welcome to Youth Action Theatre's first production of 2026! Tonight, we invite you into the sharp, chaotic world of Molière—often dubbed the "French Shakespeare"—and his most controversial comedy, *Tartuffe*.

This production is a fast-paced abridgement which I hope retains all the vicious wit and brilliant satire of the original. My obsession with *Tartuffe* began at seventeen whilst studying it for A-Level; I was immediately captivated by its quick wit, its vibrant characters, and its sheer silliness. That fascination eventually led me to create the script you see tonight—a labour of love crafted during my university years by merging and refining two distinct translations with my own dialogue added in for good measure. After a sell-out run at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in 2016, I am thrilled to revisit this script exactly ten years later with the incredible talent on offer at YAT.

One of the greatest joys of this process was discovering at our first read-through that none of our cast members were familiar with Molière or the play. For a director, that was music to my ears as it provided us with a completely blank canvas, they had no pre-conceptions or expectations so everything has felt fresh and new. They were discovering the play for the first time and I felt like I was re-discovering it through them. There is something uniquely electric about young performers tackling classical texts. They bring a modern dynamic and a raw enthusiasm that breathes fresh life into these 17th-century lines.

I have been blessed with an extremely talented cast and crew bringing a slice of 1664 to the Studio in 2026. Everyone has worked so hard and we've had lots of laughs along the way and we can't wait to show you what we've created.

History has a funny way of repeating itself. By happy coincidence, it has been exactly 50 years since YAT last staged Tartuffe in 1976, directed by the legendary Eric Yardley himself. Bringing this story back to our stage in 2026 feels like a poetic homecoming. We hope you enjoy this streamlined, high-energy take on a legendary play.

Finally, we recently lost Our Lady President Eileen Baker. Eileen was an extraordinary presence within YAT for nearly four decades, and her influence shaped not only our productions but the very spirit of our theatre community. It felt only right that we should dedicate this production to her and her legacy. Her creativity, generosity and unwavering dedication to Youth Action Theatre leave a legacy that will continue to inspire future generations for many years to come. So here's to you Eileen! This one's for you.

Josh Clarke



THE CAST

Bailiff / House Staff	Abi Wiggins	(she/her)
Bailiff / House Staff	Dimitra Thamocharan	(she/her)
Bailiff / House Staff	Vanus Wong	(she/her)
Cléante	Gio Nickson	(he/him)
Damis	Bryn Wilson	(he/they)
Dorine	Robyn Marriott	(she/her)
Elmire	Freya Broe	(she/her)
First Law Officer	Malvina Moorgen	(she/her)
Flipote	Cosmo Dearle	(he/they)
Laurent	Kit Overd	(they/them)
Madame Pernelle	Emily Fowler	(she/her)
Mariane	Bonny Ward	(she/her)
Monsieur Loyal	Amin Houta	(he/they)
Orgon	Daniel Burley	(he/him)
Second Law Officer	Stanley Clement	(he/him)
Tartuffe	Alfie Kennedy	(he/they)
Valère	Felix Patterson	(he/him)



THE CREW

Director Josh Clarke
Stage Manager Caroline Gudge
Lighting and Sound
Design / Operation Meg Hird & Rachel Hill
Costume Emily Moss, Liv Meades
& Josh Clarke
Tech Crew Freddie Welsburg-Paterson
Intimacy Support Sarah Dowd
Choreography Lizzie Lattimore & Freya Broe
Hair / Make Up / Wigs Emma Woodley, Sarah Dowd
& September Taliana-Carey
Content Creation & Social Media Liv Meades & Josh Clarke
Photography Jojo Leppink

SPECIAL THANKS

The YAT Trustees, YAT Management Committee, Handwritten Photography, Harrison Hulatt, Chloe Cooke and the Community Engagement team at Marble Hill House & Park English Heritage, Helen Lattimore, Sarah Carter, Nick Gates, Lesley Alexander, Chris Dawe, Alan O'Connor, Harry Jacobs, Teddington Nub News, the bar staff and stewarding team at Hampton Hill Theatre.



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YAT in Rehearsal...





...and on Location

What's next for YAT?

YAT will return for Summer with:

'There's a Dragon in Our Library'

Written by Jojo Leppink

Directed by Emily Moss and Jojo Leppink

a new show, performed outside in Teddington Library's wonderful garden!

Introduction Evening: 11th May @ 7.30pm at **Teddington Library**

Auditions/Workshops: 12th & 14th May @ 7.30pm

Performance Dates : 18th and 19th July, in Teddington Library garden.

YAT meetings are held at:

Peter & Paul Centre, Church Road, Teddington.

Rehearsals run between 7:30pm –10:00pm

on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Newcomers are more than welcome!

Contact YAT online at: www.yat.org.uk

Founded in 1970 by the late Eric Yardley, Youth Action Theatre is dedicated to inspiring young people - aged 16 to 25 - with a love of drama and theatre.

Through workshops and productions, a disciplined approach is instilled and dedication encouraged to achieve a high standard of professionalism.

Other than age, there is no restriction on our free membership.

Over the last 50 years YAT has presented more than one hundred major productions, including classical, modern, progressive and musical.

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