



**Rehearsal / Performance Date** - Rehearsals are scheduled to begin early April/May with the tours running June - end August.

**Casting** -All parts for the plays double/triple/quadruple (!), so we are looking for versatile, energetic performers. We tour a heavy raked stage and lighting rig so you will need to be fit and in good health as touring is hard work both physically and emotionally. We cast companies of five/six people who will work together, "muck in" and cope with all the petty irritations - particularly rain - that arise from one night stand touring outdoors. Having said that, the summer tour is always great fun and everyone with whom we have worked has enjoyed themselves tremendously. The company vehicle will be a van and we look to cast members who are willing to drive and who are over 25 years of age (this is for insurance purposes). If you also hold a current CRB check then even better!

**Money** – As a self supporting company we calculate wages according to the volume of dates specific to the tour schedule. Company Manager's earn an additional amount in respect of the added responsibility that they take for the smooth running of the tour.

**Accommodation** -Ideally we look to cast people with local accommodation, (Warwick /Leamington) ensuring ease of transport for everyone. If you are in commuting distance you will need a car as we return late at night. On tour we spend several nights a week away from Leamington in accommodation. This is for approximately four weeks of the tour. The tour generally runs on a Wednesday - Sunday basis although there are some exceptions. In the past there have been accommodation complications due to auditionees misleading us about their accommodation options. From experience we know that where people stay is crucial to their enjoyment of the tour. We want people to be happy and comfortable, so below are a few points to consider:

- We have found that long distance commuting is too exhausting therefore we would recommend the maximum travelling distance to be 30 minutes from Leamington.
- Accommodation with friends can be a mixed blessing - a bed settee in the living room might be suitable for a few nights or a week but not for a 15 week tour. Also you need to sort out in advance if you need to pay them for bills etc as goodwill can quickly evaporate.
- Digs in the Leamington area are not cheap. £50 a week is probably a rock bottom price. So if this is the only option please make sure you have worked out all the financial implications. You will probably have to find digs yourself if this is the best option for you.

**Auditions** -We will ask your reaction to the above points when you phone or at auditions so please make sure you have some clear ideas ready. There are separate auditions for those actors/actresses whose work we have not seen we, will ask you to visit us for a 20 minute slot with a prepared verse selection of your choice from Shakespeare, to read part of the play and to have a general chat. If successful there will be a second group audition with actors whose work we have already seen. Audition places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. You will meet Peter Mimmack and Maddy Kerr (Artistic Directors). We are sorry that we are unable to offer travelling expenses for auditions