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# ABSURD PERSON SINGULAR

by ALAN AYCKBOURN

Cast in order of appearance . .

Jane Hopcroft	Philippa Urquhart
Sidney Hopcroft	Piers Rogers
Ronald Brewster-Wright	Christopher Godwin
Marion Brewster-Wright	Matyelok Gibbs
Eva Jackson	Jennifer Piercey
Geoffrey Jackson	Ray Jewers

Directed by **Alan Ayckbourn**

ACT 1	The Hopcrofts - Last Christmas Eve
ACT 2	The Jacksons - This Christmas Eve
ACT 3	The Brewster-Wrights - Next Christmas Eve

*Scratch any thoroughly decent person long enough and you'll find underneath  
The Absurd Person Singular*

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Coffee Interval of 15 minutes after Act 1

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This production has received a grant from the Arts Council of Great Britain under its scheme for the promotion of new drama.

We would like to thank the following for loan of properties :—

Sink unit and Act 1 kitchen fittings by Timberland.  
North Eastern Gas Board.  
R. G. Collier, house furnishers, Castle Road.  
North Eastern Electricity Board.  
The Three Tiers.  
F. W. Woolworth & Co. Ltd.  
Peter Dominic.  
Boots the Chemists.  
Albemarle Baptist Church.  
Curry's Electrical Shop.  
Phoenix Drama.  
Tonic water by Shh . . . you know who.  
Lighters by Ronson.

This is Alan Ayckbourn's ninth play to be premiered in Scarborough. Among his other plays, best known are *Relatively Speaking* which has received countless productions here and abroad, and *How The Other Half Loves*, now in its third year at the Lyric Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, starring Robert Morley. Last year's play *Time and Time Again* is now at the **COMEDY THEATRE in the West End**. Starring **Tom Courtenay**.

## Theatre in the round (Founder Stephen Joseph) Summer Season 1972

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Refreshments are served during the interval.  
Special arrangements can be made for parties.

The Company acknowledges financial assistance from the Arts Council of Great Britain, Yorkshire Arts Association and from the Scarborough Corporation. We are also grateful to the Director and Libraries Committee and staff for their help in setting up the theatre, and to the local branch of the British Drama League for the use of the raised levels for seating and other equipment.

PLEASE DO NOT SMOKE IN THE THEATRE

### NEW THEATRE CENTRE

Many Scarborough people are proud that theatre-in-the-round virtually started its career here under the leadership of the late Stephen Joseph. Our theatre-in-the-round is a temporary conversion; either of two rooms is used, and all stage lighting, portable rostrums for raising the seating and other equipment is brought in for the setting up of the Theatre. During his years in Scarborough Stephen searched hard for a permanent site in the town and after his untimely death in 1967 the Council of the Theatre Trust launched an appeal for funds to establish a permanent Theatre Centre Scarborough.

The fund has now reached £18,000 and you could help us to increase this figure.

Do you know that if 4000 people were bold enough to take out a seven year covenant of e.g. £2 per year and we were able to claim their Tax allowance we would be assured of almost £98,000.

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