

KPYT

Kingsley Players
Youth Theatre

Presents

Enda Walsh's



CH@TROOM

An online production

Programme



This amateur production of 'Chatroom' is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd. on behalf of Samuel French Ltd.

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A Note from the Director

I am thrilled to welcome you to our online production of *Chatroom* by Enda Walsh. This is a revival of sorts for KPYT, as the last time we were physically on stage at Kingsley Community Centre, we were performing this very play!

I am pleased to welcome back four of our original cast members, and to welcome two new cast members, Jess and Isobel.

Once again, we are proud to be supporting POPYRUS: Prevention of Young Suicide, with £5 from every ticket being donated to the charity. A big thank you to you, our audience, for purchasing a ticket and helping us raise money for a worthy cause.

Lockdown has affected us all in some way, both young and old alike. Ged Flynn, the Chief Executive of POPYRUS: Prevention of Young Suicide, said that around nine in every 10 calls, texts or emails to their HOPELINEUK service since lockdown referenced coronavirus, with children and young adults concerned about their own mental health or about the livelihood of loved ones.

If you, or anyone you know, is affected by any issues addressed by this production, please do not hesitate to contact POPYRUS, or any other mental health charity, for more information, guidance, or even just someone to listen.

POPYRUS

Call: 0800 068 41 41

Text: 07860 039967

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POPYRUS

PREVENTION OF YOUNG SUICIDE

Cast

Jim	Ben Mather-Dodd
Laura	Jess Horn
William	Kristopher Duffin
Eva	Isobel Green
Jack	Max Houghton
Emily	Eleanor Roberts

Production Team

Director	Jake Powell
Box Office	Mike Vickers
Publicity	Jake Powell & Faye Simpson
Website	Sue Clough & Mike Vickers



Jim – Ben Mather-Dodd

Ben is thrilled to be reprising his award-winning performance as Jim, albeit on a virtual stage. The part of Jim is challenging but rewarding, and he has enjoyed rehearsing over the past few weeks with his friends. Ben has been an active member of KPYT since 2018, appearing in *Remembrance*, *James and the Giant Peach*, *Epic Love & Pop Songs*, and *Shakespeare in Lockdown*. He has performed with a wide range of groups throughout Cheshire as well.



Laura – Jess Horn

Chatroom will be Jess' first production with KPYT, however she has taken part in other productions, such as *Little Shop of Horrors* and *The Addams Family*. Jess expresses interest in this production as the message about mental health is close to her heart. During these difficult times, mental health has been affected, and Jess feels that *Chatroom* shows just how important reaching out for help is.

Enjoy the show!



William – Kristopher Duffin

Kristopher makes a welcome return to the part of William, which he played in our original production of *Chatroom*, earning himself a Cheshire Theatre Guild award nomination. Kristopher hopes that our production will show how dangerous aspects of social media can be, and the vicious, deep, dark hole that anonymous chatrooms could put you in.



Emily– Eleanor Roberts

Returning to the role of Emily is Eleanor Roberts. Eleanor has been involved with KPYT since our first production, *Fantastic Mr Fox*, in 2017. She won Most Promising Young Female Actor at the Cheshire Theatre Guild Awards in 2018 for her performance in *Arabian Nights*. Eleanor also performed in *Remembrance* in 2018 as part of the village's centenary commemorations. She has also performed with other local groups, namely Frodsham Players and Frodsham Panto Group.



Jack– Max Houghton

Chatroom marks Max's sixth production with KPYT, having played this role in our 2019 production of *Chatroom*. He is extremely excited to be back performing for you tonight. Max hopes that our production of *Chatroom* will educate and raise awareness about mental health and suicide, especially during these troubling times, and how important it is to try and talk about how you are feeling and not to keep silent. He hopes you enjoy our production!



Eva– Isobel Green

This is Isobel's first performance here at KPYT, but she is no stranger to the stage, having performed with First Act. Isobel hopes you enjoy the show!

Past Productions

March 2017	<i>Fantastic Mr Fox</i>
March 2018	<i>Arabian Nights</i>
November 2018	<i>Remembrance</i>
May 2019	<i>James and the Giant Peach</i>
September 2019	<i>Chatroom</i>
July 2020	<i>Epic Love & Pop Songs</i>
July 2020	<i>Shakespeare in Lockdown</i>
July 2020	<i>Lockdown Voices</i>

Keep in Touch

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5 years of KPYT

In 2016, it was decided that it was time for Kingsley Players to have their own Youth Theatre. Led by newcomer to the group, Jake Powell, and two young members, Tom Hayes and Ellie Hamer, Kingsley Players Youth Theatre was formed!

Workshops were planned and delivered, members joined and preparations for our first production began. From our first production we have grown in so many ways. We have attracted new members with our choice productions, raised money for worthwhile charities, and won numerous Cheshire Theatre Guild and NODA awards, including Cheshire Theatre Guild's 'Best Youth Production' for our 2019 production of 'Chatroom'.

We are grateful to have received £2000 worth of grants from Kingsley Parish Council over the past five years, to provide unique experiences for our members, including theatre trips and a West End workshop.

A special thank you to everyone who has been involved with KPYT over the past five years: our members and their families for their support and dedication, our leaders past and present, the committee of Kingsley Players for allowing KPYT to flourish, to the backstage team for all they do for us during our productions, and to our audiences for your support over the years.

Kingsley Players



Coming Soon



*Alice's Quest for
Wonderland*



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