

Second Thoughts
A BUNCH OF AMATEURS
by Ian Hislop and Nick Newman
at the Bear Pit 21st-24th February 2018

Characters

- Jefferson Steele** A fading Hollywood star who is arrogant, insecure, brash, gauche, demanding, vulnerable but also ultimately aware of his own absurdity. Could he perhaps be a much better actor than his filmography suggests ?
Accent: American. Age: a secret between him and his plastic surgeon.
- Dorothy Nettle** Director of the Stratford Players and the moving force behind keeping the theatre alive. Ex-professional theatre. Her sweet and accommodating manner conceals steely determination and she has great people skills.
Accent: RP. Age: a lady never tells.
- Jessica Steele** Jefferson's daughter, who has been neglected by her Hollywood star father and now it's pay-back. Has outer charm and inner strength, despite her youth.
Accent: American. Age: 18-22 (ish)
- Nigel Dewbury** Solicitor and leading light of the Stratford Players. A bit of a prat, he's pompous and believes he has first call on all leading roles - he has already presumed to learn Lear's lines ! Not at all street savvy and doesn't cope well with disappointment.
Accent: RP. Age: 40+
- Mary Plunkett** Owner of The Rectory Bed & Breakfast. Jolly, generous and an unashamedly adoring Jefferson Steele fan – although somewhat confused about which roles he played and in whose films.
Accent: could be regional. Age: negotiable !
- Denis Dobbins** Handyman and village Mr Fixit. Avuncular and well-meaning, Dennis is star-struck by Jefferson and fancies heading up the star's entourage of one. He may not be the sharpest tool in the box but he is the Players' Health & Safety officer.
Accent: regional. Age: whatever !
- Lauren Bell** Glamorous former physiotherapist, now the marketing executive for the local brewery which is sponsoring the Stratford Players. Passionate about the arts and smarter than her husband, who just happens to own the brewery.
Accent: maybe regional. Age: a gentleman doesn't ask.
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Journalists Played by members of the cast as voices from the blackout.

AUDITIONS

Thursday 16th November 7.30-9.30pm and Sunday 19th November 2.30-4.30pm
at St Peter's, Manor Road

If you are interested in reading for a part or would like further information, please contact me by email
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Nic Walsh, Director