



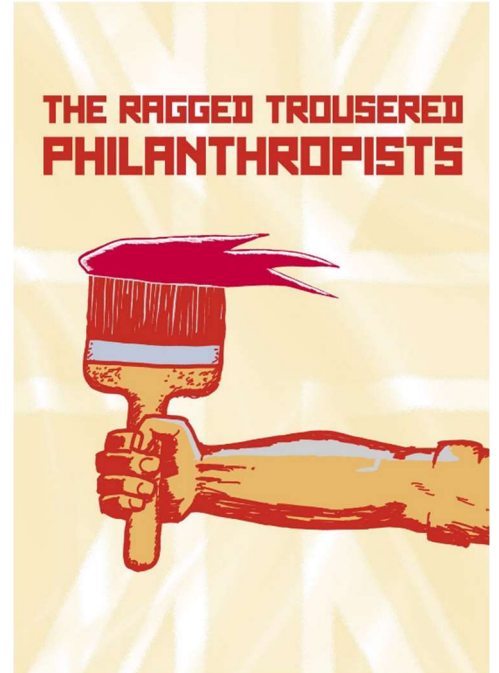
Our November production will be performed at The Merlin Theatre, Frome on **Thursday 21 to Saturday 23 November 2024.**

Andy Cork will direct a critically acclaimed stage adaptation of Robert Tressell's 1914 novel:

## The Ragged Trousered Philanthropists

This story, about a group of painters and decorators, and their struggle for survival in a complacent and stagnating Edwardian England, has become a classic of working-class literature since its first publication in 1914. A novel of humour and sharply observed characterisation, it is a passionate defence of socialist ideas and one of the first truly imaginative portrayals of life written from a working-class perspective.

**"Passionate, highly entertaining and gloriously funny"**



*Director, Andy Cork, promises political conjuring tricks and live music and song, as the audience joins the performers through the events surrounding the renovation of a large townhouse.*

We are seeking a cast of 8 enthusiastic, creative and artistic performers. All genders and ages (16+) are welcome to audition. If cast, you will need to become a member of Frome Drama.

An informal, no obligation read through workshop will be held at the **Frome Canoe Club** (Market Place, Frome, BA11 1BE) on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June starting at 7.30pm until 10.00pm**. Free parking is available. This is your chance to meet the director, learn about the play and ask questions. We will be in the upstairs room - just follow the signs. If you play an instrument or can sing you will be especially welcome, but what we are really looking for are performers with a willingness to throw themselves into the show.



If you are not interested in being on stage, but still want to be part of the production, please come along too. We need a production team, stage crew and backstage help, and we promise a friendly and fun experience.

**Auditions will be held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June at The Canoe Club.** It is helpful if you can book your slot ahead of time; please email [fromedramaclub@hotmail.com](mailto:fromedramaclub@hotmail.com) with *RTP auditions* in subject line.

Rehearsals will likely be twice weekly at the Canoe Club, starting in September.