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Where's a girl to get a set of these?



That was the dilemma facing Kathryn Worthington when she agreed to produce *Rose Cottage* for ShrinkWrapped Theatre at the 24:7 Theatre Festival

"Steve Pearce (the writer) asked me what would be the best type of play for a festival production" laughed Kathryn, "so I said make it funny, with an all female cast, and only have a very simple set. Which, to be fair, he has done- but mortuary trolleys?!!!"

Rose Cottage features 3 cleaners who use the mortuary to avoid the smoking ban and requires 3 trolleys, complete with occupants, to set the scene. "I tried every local hospital and undertakers I could think of but unsurprisingly no one had any to spare!"

Finally Kathryn came across Mediprop - a company in Ashton-under-Lyne which supplies medical equipment to TV and film productions. "They've been absolutely brilliant to help us out - we'd have been fixing MDF to supermarket trolleys otherwise"

And what about the occupants? "Oh I'm not giving that away - you'll have to come and see for yourself....."

Rose Cottage by Steve Pearce

Produced by ShrinkWrapped Theatre (www.shrinkwrapped.co.uk).

Runs from 24-28 July at Pure/Funktion, The Printworks, Manchester as part of the 24:7 Theatre Festival. Tickets available from www.247theatrefestival.co.uk, or by calling 0161 236 7110.

Notes for Editors

Kathryn Worthington was born and raised in Chorlton and trained as an actor at the Birmingham School of Acting in 2002. ShrinkWrapped Theatre is a joint venture between herself and Steve Pearce, and her first professional outing as a producer. She also plays the role of Carla in *Rose Cottage*. She is available for interview and can be contacted on 07961 025 409 or at rose@shrinkwrapped.co.uk

Steve Pearce's plays have been performed at numerous venues around the North West, in addition to the Soho theatre in London's West End. He is a member of the hugely successful South Manchester Writer's Workshop, and is the only known Physics and Drama teacher currently teaching in Lancashire. These are his feet (photographed by Mark Whitaker). Steve is available for interview, but only by arrangement due to teaching commitments. Please contact him on 07966 479705 or by email at steve.pearce@shrinkwrapped.co.uk

The award winning, critically acclaimed 24:7 Theatre Festival makes a welcome return to Manchester for its fourth successful year, once again bringing ground breaking theatre to non theatre venues from 23 to 29 July. Running for seven days, the eclectic programme includes drama, storytelling and a dozen shades of comedy.

