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## THE MATCHGIRLS

The story of 'The Matchgirls' takes place more than one hundred years ago, in the summer of 1888, in the Bryant and May match factory in the East End of London. The female workforce endured appalling working conditions and pitiful wages from which many illegal deductions were made.

The girls were powerless to improve their conditions until a group of influential people, among them Annie Besant and a young George Bernard Shaw, took up their cause and brought their plight to the attention of both the public and parliament. Under this pressure the directors were forced to accede to the girls demands and improve conditions in their factories.

The matchgirls victory was an important lesson for all. The 'History of Trade Unionism' by Beatrice and Sidney Webb described it thus:

"The matchgirls victory turned a new leaf in Trade Union annals....it was a new experience for the weak to succeed."

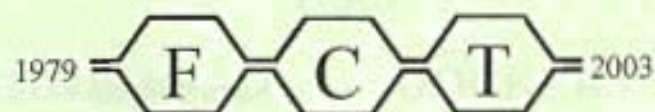
### SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

#### ACT 1

- Scene 1 The Match Factory Cutting Room  
2 Hope Court  
3 By the River Lea  
4 Hope Court  
5 Under a Street Lamp  
6 Office of the Freethought Bookshop  
7 On the way to the Houses of Parliament  
Interval

#### ACT 2

- Scene 1 Hope Court  
2 Drawing Room, St John's Wood  
3 A Meeting  
4 Down by the Docks  
5 Hope Court  
6 The 'Waiting Song'  
7 Finale



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BOOK AND LYRICS BY BILL OWEN, MUSIC BY TONY RUSSELL

AN AMATEUR PRODUCTION BY ARRANGEMENT WITH SAMUEL FRENCH LTD

DIRECTOR

PETER GORMAN

CHOREOGRAPHER

LYNNE McPHERSON

MUSICAL DIRECTOR  
AND VOICE COACH

JOYCE MURRAY

## CAST

Kate	Sarah Reid
Polly	Tracy Otway
Mrs Purkiss	Gemma Stewart
Old Min	Fiona McDonald
Maggie/Scots Girl	Megan Shandley
Jessie	Carly Gibb
Winnie	Joanne McTavish
Dot	Natalie Allan
Beattie	Kirsty Timons
Nell	Elizabeth Kay
Louie	Hannah Scott
Annie Besant	Laura Byron
George Bernard Shaw	Morgen Anderson
Paula Westerby	Adele Sabin
Mynel	Matthew Fine
Mr Potter	Dominic Falconer
Joe	Andrew Dyer
Perce	Michael Scott
Bert	Gavin Russell
Tom	Stuart Lord

## MATCHGIRLS

Rio Brady  
Julia Carstairs  
Danielle Cook  
Gemma Fleeting  
Michelle Fulton  
Sarah Hackland  
Roslyn Hill  
Gemma Lawson  
Kerry Lewis  
Kim McManus  
Kirsty Milligan  
Emma Reid  
Hannah Rennie  
Cara Shandley  
Niamh Smith  
Rhian Smith  
Rebecca Stenhouse  
Lauren Watt

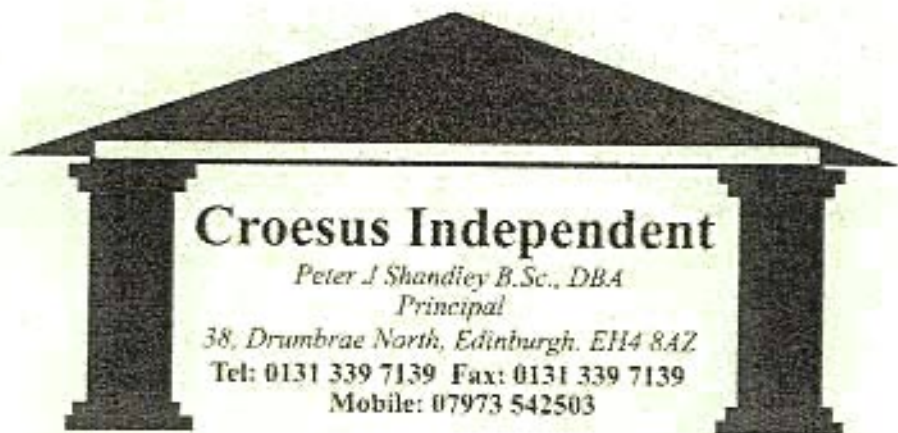
## DOCKERS

Lee Doig  
Cameron Dyer  
Callum Morrison  
Connor Robertson

Music	Susan Barry, Joyce Murray, Neil Somerville
Company Stage Manager	Irene Hogg
Production Stage Manager	Robert Moyes
Assistant Stage Manager	Jenny Hogg
Stage Crew	Robert Allen, John Brown, Roy Carter, Fiona Doig, Gary Falconer, Findlay Johnson, Andrew Law, Angela Lewis, Michael Lewis, Leo McLaughlin, Jack McPherson, Mark Madine, Scott Taylor, Janet Walker
Production Manager	Philip Lewis
Production Team	Angela Lewis, Michael Lewis, Philip Lewis, Tom Stewart
Props	Andrew Doig, Connie Hay
Chaperone	Colin Turnbull

Lighting	Michael Hume, Ross McTaggart
Sound Designer	Len Timson
Sound Operators	Ian Jackson, Fergus Lockie
Makeup	Marina Cockburn, Jane Sutherland
Front of House	Siobhan Byron, Vic Laing, Peter Liddiard, Andrew Lonie, Kirsty McManus, Margaret McPherson, Ailidh Tullis
Costumes	Jenny Bell, Liz Byron, Cathy Carstairs Kirsty McManus, Helen McTavish, Linda Reid, Rose Stewart

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