

March 2023

Dear Member

Casting Information for **Nell Gwynn**

Nell Gwynn by Jessica Swale will be presented from **18th to 22nd June 2024** on the main stage and directed by Ged Marescaux

London, 1660. King Charles II has exploded onto the scene with a love of all things loud, extravagant, and sexy. And at Drury Lane, a young Nell Gwynn is causing stirrings amongst the theatregoers. Nell Gwynn charts the rise of an unlikely heroine, from her roots in Coal Yard Alley to her success as Britain's most celebrated actress, and her hard-won place in the heart of the King. But at a time when women are second-class citizens, can her charm and spirit protect her from the dangers of the Court?

Notes

Jessica Swale's exhilarating take on the heady world of Restoration theatre premiered at Shakespeare's Globe, London, in September 2015, before transferring to the West End in February 2016, starring Gemma Arterton. It won the Olivier Award for Best New Comedy in 2016.

Casting will be by audition and will take place on **Sunday afternoon on 14th April 2024**.

A character breakdown is attached.

Please email stage@halifaxplayhouse.org.uk for an audition time and audition material.

If you are unable to make the audition date and you are interested in being in this production, you may email an expression of interest to be considered.

Casting of this production will be in line with the Halifax Thespians Casting policy (copy attached)

Kind regards

Ged Marescaux

Artistic & Stage Director