

# Home, I'm Darling



by **LAURA WADE**



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WELCOME



**Welcome** to our production of *Home I'm Darling*, a sparkling comedy by playwright Laura Wade. It's a challenging piece, not least in terms of recreating authentic 1950s staging. Our actors have also been choreographically stretched in the speedy "flicks and kicks" of the jive. This is the first play Lucy Byford has directed for Banbury Cross Players. Her creativity flashes through the whole show.

Due to continued renovations of the theatre floor at our usual performing base, The Mill Arts Centre, this is our first play of 2024. *Our Country's Good* (which should have been performed there in March) has been re-scheduled for November. So, tonight's cast and crew have had the additional challenge of operating from the temporary facility of "The Mill at Woodgreen". We are grateful to the teams at both The Mill and Woodgreen Leisure Centre who have made this possible.

This is my first production as Chairman of Banbury Cross Players. I joined in 2020 after a career in Horseracing and can attest to the huge fun of being involved in amateur drama. If you have even the slightest itch or tingle to become involved - onstage, backstage or front of house - do make contact. It's hugely rewarding, not least because, as you will see tonight, we deliver the highest standards in our plays. The only "amateur" aspect of our activity is that we don't get paid!



I hope you enjoy tonight's show and will return for future productions.

**Adrian McGlynn**  
Chairman



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Jessica Swale - *Nell Gwynn* (2020)

Elly Brewer and Sandi Toksvig - *The Pocket Dream* (2007)

Muriel Sparks - *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie* (1986)

**Laura Wade** is a playwright and screenwriter.

Her recent plays include *The Watsons* and *Home, I'm Darling* which won the 2019 Olivier Award for Best New Comedy. Film work includes *The Riot Club*, adapted from her play *Posh*.

She is currently developing several feature films, including a major book adaptation with Blueprint Pictures, and is an executive producer and writer on Jilly Cooper's *Rivals* for Disney+.



*Home, I'm Darling* was first performed at Theatre Clwyd on 3 July 2018, and opened at the Dorfman Theatre on the 31 July 2018, directed by Tamara Harvey.

It transferred to The Duke of York's Theatre, on 5 February 2019, as a co-production between the National Theatre, Theatr Clwyd and Fiery Angel.

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**Stage Manager**  
Amy Crook

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**Set Design**  
Richard Ashby

**Set Construction**  
Richard Ashby  
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## CAST

Judy  
Johnny  
Fran  
Marcus  
Sylvia  
Alex

Katy Roberts  
Justin Clinch  
Kate Groves  
Matthew Perris  
Hilary Beaton  
Imogen Tredwell



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