

## PRESS RELEASE



### **“Noel & Gertie”**

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**Words and Music by Noel Coward**

Oldbury Rep’s next production is the story of the enduring friendship between Noel Coward and Gertrude Lawrence, in our Studio production of ‘Noel & Gertie’

‘Noel & Gertie’ is a warm and witty musical comedy based on the legendary friendship and professional collaboration of actor, playwright and songwriter Noel and the alluring and charismatic actress Gertrude Lawrence. They worked together over a period of some forty years, from their childhood to her untimely death, in 1952, at the age of fifty four.

Noel was urbane, witty, sophisticated and immensely talented. Gertie was all of the above (and in heels). This is the story of their working relationship and their friendship.

Featuring songs, sketches and snippets of scenes the production has the entrancing effect of accurately portraying the relationship of this extraordinary duo, inseparable until Gertrude’s premature death of cancer, which left a large void in ‘the Master’s’ life. It takes a perfectly-orchestrated trip down memory lane and features scenes from *Private Lives*, *Tonight at 8.30* (including ‘*Red Peppers*’ and ‘*Still Life*’) and *Blithe Spirit*. These are offset with many of the best-loved songs: *Mrs. Worthington*, *Dance Little Lady*, *Sail Away* and, of course, *I’ll See You Again*.\*

The production runs in our Studio theatre from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April until Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April and performances start at 7.30pm.

Tickets can be obtained by phone or in person from the box office on Monday evenings from 7.30pm and every night of the production from 7.00pm . All tickets are priced at £9.00

Box office can be contacted on 0121 552 2761. **And you can now book online at [www.oldburyrep.org](http://www.oldburyrep.org)**

**We regret that there is no wheelchair access to our Studio theatre.**