

Joanne Blunt - Producer
MSci Physics (4th Year)

Previous Experience -
Producing: Tyrannosaurus Sketch (Edinburgh)



"Hey Jo, do you want to be my producer next semester?" "Ye- Hold on. I should probably ask you what play it is first." "Its As You Like It." "That'll be a definite yes then, thanks Fliss!"

While producing any play with Felicity would have been a joy, As You Like It has offered so much more than I could have hoped. The challenges onstage and backstage have tested the whole team, who have excelled as I always knew they would; this huge and magnificent cast has come together to form a wonderful company and most of all - it's such a good laugh!

My first thanks go to Felicity. You are an incredible person to work with and I have no idea how you've put up with my whining, stressing and getting ill. Thank you so much! My next thank you must go to the cast. Your hard work and dedication makes this all worth-while. Another massive thank you must go to our fantastic Publicity Manager, Keir Birchall. You are truly incredible and I am so happy you've saved me (for the second time) publicity-wise!

The backstage staff have made this production incredibly special. What you'll see in the auditorium is all down to their hard work. Emma, Harry, and Adam have looked after my home territory of tech-land superbly. Tom, you've brought flair and substance to my rather terrible set drawings and been ready with hugs when I've needed them. Amy and Natalie, thank you for managing this huge cast's make-up and hair - it is quite a mammoth task! And finally Rohanna, thank you for keeping me sane and keeping that stage well and truly managed!

Finally, as this may well be my first and last producer's note, I have to say an incomprehensibly huge thank you to every single member of NNT over the past four years who have truly sustained me during my time at university. Both your friendship and your productions continue to amaze. I shall miss this talented, warm-hearted bunch but I cannot wait to see what you achieve in the future! Please keep the biscuit tin filled in my absence.

Felicity Chilver - Director
BA English (3rd Year)

Previous Experience -
Directing: The Master and Margarita (NNT)
Producing: Ambergate Reservoir (NNT)
Acting: The Tempest, The Adventures of Anne
Marie de Bourbon (NNT)



I remember this time last year swearing that I would never again direct a play with a cast size I could not count on one hand. Little did I know that come March I would be excitably messaging Joanne with an idea for a Shakespeare set in modern Britain with cast of fourteen - and what an incredible cast they have been. From enduring endless tongue twisters to letting me use them as human weights in scenes (this isn't as weird as it sounds), they have been infallibly dedicated and ever willing to try whatever hare brained idea I come up with next.

Whilst there isn't room enough to thank everyone who has made this show possible, I must thank Tom, Izzy and Keir for their enormous contribution to the set, directing and beautiful photographs. It has been an absolute pleasure to work with you and I look forward to working with you again in the future.

Before I finish with a little about the play, I would like to thank Joanne. I don't have the word count to do justice to everything she has done for this production, but it will suffice to say that there isn't anything she can't do. Thank you for keeping me sane these last few weeks - this play simply could not have gone on without you.

It goes without saying that this country has seen one of the most tumultuous years in recent political history. Our interpretation of *As You Like It* is set in a version of modern Britain on the brink of civil war: a country where the struggle for power has led to the breaking up of families; to ever changing leadership; and to a nation divided into bitter factions. Struggling to find a place amidst this chaos and faced with tragedy, two best friends choose liberty over banishment, and in doing so set in motion an unstoppable chain of events which will alter the lives of all those surrounding them.

I hope you enjoy the show!