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Casting for Navigating Margaret R&D
Produced by Arts Uplift CIC
Directed and written by Helen Tennison

Arts Uplift CIC is an arts and health and heritage company based in South Warwickshire and has been operating since 2016. Navigating Margaret is based on our successful Suitcase Stories project where we work with people living with dementia and their carers using reminiscence and the arts. This will be an R&D project leading to 3 x rehearsed readings in Leamington Spa, Coventry and Nuneaton and some dementia awareness training. There will be some doubling of characters. The aim of this R&D period is to try out a new script being adapted from a large cast community production to a play for a four person professional tour. The dementia awareness training will be a workshop format with actors performing excerpts from the play.

The characters

GRAHAM/CHARLIE/POSSIBLE ANOTHER

Graham- 40's/50's trying to balance caring for his mother with work and kids. Generally, a little frazzled and struggling with the dynamic.

Charlie – *20-30yrs - Margaret's husband, as seen in flashbacks. An avid reader and hopeful socialist. Kind and confident with a charming touch of nerd.*

We are looking for a man of South Asian heritage (late 30s/early 40s), ideally within 1.5hrs of Leamington Spa (but not absolutely), that can play young and older and can deal with sensitive issues but also with a sense of humour and is good with text.

We actively encourage applications from local actors, disabled/nd actors and those who identify as part of an underrepresented or disadvantaged group.

If you have access requirements that make it hard for you to attend the audition on Zoom, please contact us.

The text is warm, humorous, moving, and naturalistic in style, though the overall play has an abstract, visual language.

Rehearsals on Zoom Monday 24 June 9.30am to 1.30pm

Rehearsals in person in Leamington Spa 28,29,30 June, 11 July 10-5pm

Shows and training 12,15,18 July (times tbc but all day)

Fees:

8 days x £120 a day

Accommodation £62.50 per night x 3 nights (if needed)

Meal allowance £22 per day x 7 days

Travel **up to** £240 (depending on distances)

Auditions on Zoom Friday 14 June AM

To apply please send your Spotlight link or CV/showreel to Jenny Davis, Producer
jenny@artsuplift.co.uk or call 07946 585978 for more information.

Deadline for applications 2pm Wednesday 12 June 2023

More information on the tour <https://www.artsuplift.co.uk/navigating-margaret-the-tour/>

More information on the original version in Malvern www.artsuplift.co.uk/suitcase-stories-the-play-malvern/

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