

# EDWARD ALDERTON THEATRE 2018/2019 NEW SEASON LAUNCH DETAILS

**Title:** A Clockwork Orange – Play With Music  
**Author:** Anthony Burgess  
**Director:** Jennifer Walker  
**In Performance:** October 20th - 27th 2018  
**Theme:** Adult Drama with music  
**Licence:** David Higham Associates Ltd  
**Misc:** Due to the themes and subject matter, this production is not suitable for under 16s



## Description:

*This is the story of Alex and his teenage gang “The Droogs” and their life of “ultraviolence”.*

*The Gang communicates in a language which is as complicated as their actions. When a drug-fuelled night of fun ends in murder, Alex is finally busted and banged up. He is given a choice - be brainwashed into good citizenship and set free, or face a lifetime inside.*

Anthony Burgess's play with music, based on his own 1962 novel, was first published in 1987. A Clockwork Orange was made into a film classic by Stanley Kubrick in 1971 and was dramatised by the RSC in 1990.

## Cast:

**Alex** – M or F – playing age under 30 **HUGE ROLE:** The narrator and protagonist. Alex is the vicious leader of a gang. He/she loves classical music and finds that violence and music provide him/her with similar kinds of aesthetic pleasure. Alex remains quite naïve and immature, which allows him/her to be manipulated.

**F. Alexander** – M 30-60: A writer and political dissident. F. Alexander's wife dies as a result of being raped by Alex's gang. After his wife dies, he devotes his life to unseating the government that he holds partially responsible for his wife's death.

**Minister of the Interior** – M or F - Playing age over 30: A high-ranking government official who selects Alex as the first candidate for Ludovico's Technique. The Minister is a sharply dressed & important looking. His/her primary concern is the welfare of the State, and his/her attitude is entirely pragmatic.

**Prison Chaplain** - M or F – playing age over 30: The resident priest of Alex's prison. He/she preaches to the prisoners about morals, but his/her career ambitions lead him/her to rationalize the treatment that Alex receives at the hands of the government

**Dr Brodsky** – M or F - playing age over 40: The State-employed behavioural scientist in charge of administering Ludovico's Technique to Alex.

**Dr Branom** – M or F - playing age over 25: Brodsky's assistant. Branom is very happy in his/her work, bright-eyed and smiling all the time.

**Dim** – M or F – playing age under 30: A member of Alex's gang who later becomes a police officer. He/she allows Alex to be captured by the police. As a police officer, Dim is just as violent and thuggish as he/she was as a youth.

**Pete** - A member of Alex's gang. M or F – Playing age under 30

**Georgie** - A member of Alex's gang. M or F – Playing age under 30

**P. R. Deltoid** – M or F – Playing age 30-40: Alex's Probation Officer. Deltoid is a tired and overworked public servant who labours at his/her job even as he/she grows increasingly aware of how little it actually helps.

**Prison Governor** – M or F – Playing over 40: The head of Alex's prison. Unlike the Minister of the Interior, the Governor believes that criminals should be punished the traditional way.

I also require an ensemble of 6-8 people who play the following - Doctors, gang members, victims, prison inmates, and many many more...

## Audition Date:

Saturday 23rd June 2.30pm - 4.30pm

## Audition Details

*Alex* - Pg. 50 & read in for other auditions

*F. Alexander* - Pg. 39-40, *Minister of the Interior* - Pg. 22-23, *Prison Chaplain* – Pg. 18-19, *Dr Brodsky* - Pg. 28-29,

*Dr Branom* – Pg. 28-29, *Dim* – Pg. 37-38 & 6-7, *Pete* – Pg. 37-38 & 6-7, *Georgie* – Pg. 37-38 & 6-7, *P. R. Deltoid* – Pg. 10-11

*Prison Governor* – Pg. 22-23

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The full script can be purchased from [amazon.co.uk](http://amazon.co.uk):  
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