

**BRIGHTON**Little**THEATRE**  
AUDITION NOTICE

# Chatroom

by Enda Walsh

**Director:** Bradley Coffey

**Production dates:** 31st January - 4th February 2023

**Auditions:** Sunday 6th November 2022 12 Noon

**Rehearsals:** 18th December 2022 - 30th January 2023. (There will be three rehearsals a week. These are proposed to be Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays)

**Warning: this production contains reference to suicide and depression and brief mentions to eating disorder**

*A powerful depiction of modern-day isolation and the dangerous power of technology. A chilling, blackly comic tale of manipulation, cyberbullying and adolescent insecurity.*

*The play's action takes place in a staged representation of the virtual space of an internet chatroom. A group of bored and restless teenagers – William, Jack, Eva, Emily and Laura – spend their time deconstructing children's literature and the messages in modern pop music. But when a new member, Jim, joins to share his depression and thoughts of suicide, the conversation takes a dark turn. The group is torn between those who want to help and those who see this as a chance to create a martyr for the teenage population.*

Please note: The playing age for all characters is teen (15- 18). However you must be over 16 years old to audition and have finished Year 11 of school.

**BLT actively encourages auditionees from ethnic minority communities and any of the below parts could be played by any race.**

Character	Description	Playing age
WILLIAM	An angry teenager. The source of his frustration is that he does not have a cause, a purpose in life.	15 - 18
JACK	A silent bully. He does not react. He suggests that Jim should visit a real therapist and causes William's negative reaction.	15 - 18
EVA	Like William, she is also in search of a cause, a purpose. She becomes William's alter ego.	15 - 18

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EMILY	She used to have anorexia. A silent bully.	15 - 18
LAURA	She is there to listen to others, but she is not allowed to talk. She mechanically obeys the rules, she does not really help Jim.	15 - 18
JIM	He is depressed because his father abandoned him, his mother despises him and he has been bullied multiple times in school. He becomes William's purpose.	15 - 18

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