



# THE RAGGED TROUSERED PHILANTHROPISTS

by Robert Tressell

Adapted by Tom McLennan



Often called "The Workers' Bible", "The Ragged Trousered Philanthropists" has been one of the most influential books of modern times. It was often said that the book won Labour the 1946 General Election, when a stunned Tory party saw Winston Churchill defeated at the polls. The book is one of the first realistic fictional portrayals of life amongst the working classes, brilliantly analysing the power structures that keep the status quo stable, even when people are clearly ill treated and abused.

This adaptation honours the original, while tailoring the action for a modern audience – for how much has changed? Tressell wrote about a time of boom and bust; of high unemployment; of a slump in the building trade; of graft, sleaze and downright thieving amongst politicians and the wealthy. Sound familiar?

*"The Best Production of this important work we have seen"....  
The Robert Tressell Society*

*"The cast brought Noonan to us magnificently. To say I was overwhelmed is not an overstatement." -  
John Winstanley,  
Retired Building Worker and UCATT*



The company of actors were first brought together to perform this adaptation for Unions 08 – the Trade Unions contribution to Liverpool's Capital of Culture year, where it won great acclaim from enthusiastic audiences.

## Tour dates and details

<u>Date and time details</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Ticket</u>
Mon 29th June 7.30pm	The Casa, Hope Street, Liverpool, L1 9BQ 709 2148	(From the bar or 0771 684 8894 Or email <a href="mailto:tomm562002@yahoo.com">tomm562002@yahoo.com</a> )
Tue 30th June 7.30pm	Kirkby Unemployed Centre, West head Avenue 709 2148 Northwood, Kirby, Knowsley L33 OXN 0151 548 0001	(Pay at door or 0771 684 8894 Or email <a href="mailto:tomm562002@yahoo.com">tomm562002@yahoo.com</a> )
Wed July 1st 7.30pm	The Met, Market Street, Bury, BL9 OBW 0161 761 2216	Box Office: 0161 761 2216 <a href="http://themet.biz">http://themet.biz</a>
Thu July 2nd 7.30pm	Salford Arts Theatre, Kemsing Walk, Salford, M5 4BS 0161 925 0111	0161 925 0111 <a href="http://salfordartstheatre.co.uk/BookingInfo.aspx">http://salfordartstheatre.co.uk/BookingInfo.aspx</a>
Sat July 4th 7.30pm	Concordia Hall, Church Road, St Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex. Nearest Station St Leonards Warrior Square, 5 minutes walk. Bar and refreshments available. More info and tickets from 01424 460735 or 07795 496162 or <a href="mailto:susannah@farley-green.freeseve.co.uk">susannah@farley-green.freeseve.co.uk</a> .	

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