

## 3MT **Badgered** by Diane Rimmer



**Enter a world of passionate obsession with pigeons, bats, badgers and Brian May from Queen, a world where someone is hiding a sinister addiction...**

A traumatic event involving her husband and a fish leaves Annabelle feeling emotionally abused and vulnerable, heightening her existing empathy towards the issues of animal cruelty and exploitation. Looking for a new purpose in life she volunteers at the World Animal Trust charity shop, a focus for people with passion for all animals around the globe, where the volunteers and customers are in more need of help than the animals they seek to rescue.

**Badgered** is a new comedy bringing together the unlikely combination of animal welfare and comedy in a new one-act play, a fantastic way of raising awareness and inspiring change. The comedy arises from various eccentric characters visiting the World Animal Trust charity shop and care and concern for animals is reflected through the protagonist Annabelle Shepherd and the focus of the work of the charity. The play highlights the badger cull, an ill-thought-out policy killing thousands of badgers when there is an option to vaccinate, happening right now in many counties throughout the UK.

The cast are all Manchester based: Meet Tina (**Stephanie Riches**) the enterprising young manager, Barbara (**Lynn Touil**) the veteran volunteer, likes animals but loves a bargain, Barry (**Bradley Kerr**) from the Bat Protection League (even rabies carriers need love) Mrs Bailey (**Brian Madden**) and her pigeons, handsome P.C. Keane (**Luther Wells**) and the mysterious Magda...

**Badgered** was previewed at the **Three Minute Theatre** 14th – 16th September 2017. The play is directed by **Gina Frost** and produced by **John Topliff**, founders of **Three Minute Theatre** (3MT), a venue which has championed new writing in Manchester.

**'With Badgered, Diane Rimmer has written a very funny play that with all the skewering of its characters pretentions holds fast to a humane moral vision'** Chris Rea Manchester NUJ

**[www.badgered.website](http://www.badgered.website)**

### Listings Information

Venue	C cubed, Brodie's Close, Lawnmarket, EH1 2PS, venue 50
Dates	12-18 Aug
Time	16:25 (1hr00)
Ticket prices	£8.50-£10.50 / concessions £6.50-£8.50 / under 18s £4.50-£6.50
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