

One Man, Two Guvnors

by Richard Bean

based on *The Servant of Two Masters* by Carlo Goldoni with songs by Grant Olding.

Fired from his skiffle band, Francis Henshall becomes minder to Roscoe Crabbe, a small time East End hood, now in Brighton to collect £6,000 from his fiancée's dad. But Roscoe is really his sister Rachel posing as her own dead brother, who's been killed by her boyfriend Stanley Stubbers.

Holed up at *The Cricketers' Arms*, the permanently ravenous Francis spots the chance of an extra meal ticket and takes a second job with one Stanley Stubbers, who is hiding from the police and waiting to be re-united with Rachel. To prevent discovery, Francis must keep his two guvnors apart. Simple.

Rachel: *Are you seriously suggesting that we men, are, day to day, moment to moment, making thousands of small tactical decisions, the cumulative effect of which is to reduce the time between leg-overs?*

Francis: *I can't speak for you guv, but that is a fair description of my life.*

In Richard Bean's English version of Goldoni's classic Italian comedy, sex, food and money are high on the agenda. James Corden returns to the National for the first time since **The History Boys** to play Francis.

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Cast credits:

Gareth - David Benson

Stanley Stubbers - Oliver Chris

Ensemble - Polly Conway

Francis Henshall - James Corden

Ensemble - Jolyon Dixon

Alfie - Tom Edden

Doctor - Martyn Ellis

Ensemble - Derek Elroy

Lloyd Boateng - Trevor Laird

Pauline Clench - Claire Lams

Ensemble - Paul Lancaster

Ensemble - Fergus March

Ensemble - Gareth Mason

Charlie Clench - Fred Ridgeway

Alan - Daniel Rigby

Rachel Crabbe - Jemima Rooper

Ensemble - Clare Thomson

Dolly - Suzie Toase

Production credits:

Director - Nicholas Hytner

Associate Director - Cal McCrystal

Designer - Mark Thompson

Lighting Designer - Mark Henderson

Music - Grant Olding

Sound Designer - Paul Arditti

Fight Director - Kate Waters

Reviews

***** Daily Express, Guardian, Sunday Times

**** Daily Telegraph, Evening Standard, The Times, Time Out

'The feelgood hit of the summer. An evening of riotous delight... I found myself physically incapable with laughter.' Daily Telegraph

'A triumph of visual and verbal comedy. One of the funniest productions in the National's history.' Guardian <http://www.guardian.co.uk/stage/2011/may/25/one-man-two-guvnors-review>

'Slapstick, satire and gags galore: a classic comedy hilariously updated.' The Times

Evening Standard – 4 stars <http://www.thisislondon.co.uk/theatre/review-23953523-one-man-two-guvnors-is-a-surefire-hit.do>

Daily Mail <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/tvshowbiz/article-1390631/FIRST-NIGHT-REVIEW-One-man-Two-Guvnors.html?ito=feeds-newsxml>