

First Draft Theatre Company

IF I WERE A CARPENTER

Written by Dougie Blaxland

A haven of loving support or a cauldron of bubbling tension: what is the real truth about family life in Britain today? Dougie Blaxland's powerful new black comedy, *If I Were A Carpenter*, tells the story of three families struggling in their different ways with the pressures of modern urban life. Whilst they might live at the same time, in the same town, they are divided by income, class and aspiration. With resonances of John Godber's *Bouncers*, *If I Were a Carpenter* explores how individual lives can be deeply affected by the agency of Government and all its institutions.

"This play is ambitious, provocative and highly original: it asks fundamental questions about family life in contemporary Britain and in particular about the relationship between the modern state and its individual citizens. It is a successful and confrontational piece of theatre." *The Soho Theatre* June 2007

Writer Dougie Blaxland

Director/Designer Andrew Harries

Cast Paul Hampton Tamara Lucas Shaun Nethercott Natalie Radford Augustina Seymour

Venue Pentameters Theatre Hampstead

2nd to 21st October

Tuesday to Saturday 7.30pm Sundays 5.00pm

tickets £12/ £10

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