



M A I N H O U S E

# THE TALENTED MR RIPLEY

From the novel by Patricia Highsmith

Adapted by Phyllis Nagy

Playing dates 4<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> September 2010

**OPEN READING Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April –@ 7.30pm in Bar**

Adapted from the best selling novel by Patricia Highsmith. When Tom Ripley is sent to Italy to track down Richard Greenleaf, the errant son of a wealthy American couple, his mission takes on a sinister twist as their lives become inextricably entwined. Phyllis Nagy's stage adaptation of Patricia Highsmith's novel explores the mind of one of crime fiction's great anti-heroes; an intelligent, suave and charming psychopath whose amorality is at the centre of a plot about duplicity and murder. The book was also made into a hit film starring Matt Damon, Gwyneth Paltrow and Jude Law.

*"Nagy's script is superb., the clever fractured construction matching the thriller's emphasis on inner psychology. Intelligent and gripping."* EXPRESS

*"The talented Phyllis Nagy gets closer to the black heart of Highsmith's novel than you would have thought possible. She achieves the challenging feat of drawing a theatre audience inside Ripley's mind."* FINANCIAL TIMES

*"A thrilling adaptation that creates a fine theatrical elaboration of Highsmith's narrative."* MAIL

**Wendy Anderson** will be directing this powerful historical thriller and is holding an **OPEN READING** on **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April @ 7.30pm in Criterion Bar**. All those interested in being involved in any way are invited to attend and anyone who would like to just come along and enjoy reading or listening would also be very welcome.

**AUDITIONS** will take place on **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April** when all those interested in being cast should attend.

**Wendy can be contacted on 01926 852451 if you would like to discuss the play in advance of the reading or subsequent audition**

## **Characters**

TOM RIPLEY – mid 20's

RICHARD GREENLEEF – mid 20's

MARGE SHERWOOD – mid 20's

FREDDIE MILES – mid 20's

HERBERT GREENLEEF – Richard's  
father

EMILY GREENLEEF – Richard's mother

AUNT DOTTIE – Tom's aunt

MARC PRIMINGER – Tom's Friend

FAUSTO – a naive Italian teenager

TENENTE ROVERINI – and Italian police  
lieutenant

SOPHIA – a young Italian prostitute

SILVIO – a young Italian gigolo

REDDINGTON – a young cartoonist