

# Black Comedy

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Black Comedy by Peter Shaffer

Peter Shaffer's comedy was premiered in July 1965 by the National Theatre at the Old Vic. The original idea was inspired by a performance of San Ch'a Ko'u by the Peking Opera; in one scene two men convey the illusion of darkness by fighting a duel in the 'dark' with all the stage lights on. Peter Shaffer took this idea and used it in a modern situation - Black Comedy.

The story is set in an artist's flat during a power cut. Normally not too much of a problem but for Brindsley Miller it certainly is - he is expecting an art dealer to view his work and his prospective mother-in-law. The result is chaos!

## CAST

Brindsley Miller - Maxim Griffin  
Carol Melkett - Philippa Lee  
Miss Furnival - Becci Vessey  
Mrs Melkett - Alice Birch  
Harold Gorrige - Graham Wellard  
Schuppanzigh - Graeme Ellis  
Clea - Holly MacInnes-Hurd  
Georg Bamberger - James Chantry

## CREW

Director - Carole Ashcroft  
Stage Manager - Helen Gardner  
Deputy Stage Managers - Ceri Ashcroft, Keith Ellis  
Assistant Stage Managers - Jenny Cook, Stuart Murray, Andrew Whomsley  
Touring Technician - Robert Ashcroft  
Wardrobe - Jenny Underwood, Margaret Wheeldon  
Front of House & Publicity - Julie kheng, Fiona nicholls  
Photography - Robert Ashcroft, Alan Lowes  
Sculptures - Robert Ashcroft  
Home Based Touring Manager - Rhona Adam