

A LIQUORICE DRAGON PRODUCTION

# BRIAN CAPRON PUNCHLINE



by  
ANDREW KAY

## PROGRAMME

THE LANTERN THEATRE

12, 13, 14 APRIL 2024



# COMPANY

## TERRY

Brian Capron

## CLUB MANAGER

Scott Gallagher

## PLAYWRIGHT

Andrew Kay

## DIRECTOR

Rupert Charmak

## PRODUCER

Steve Barrey for  
Liquorice Dragon Productions

## STAGE TECHNICIAN

Erin Burbridge

## MUSIC

Oops A Daisy by The Catfish Kings  
Courtesy of Harry Lang  
Tocarme by Lazergirl  
courtesy of Liquorice Dragon Records  
Julie & Sleazy by Diana Frangi  
Courtesy of Diana Frangi



# BRIAN CAPRON

Brian is a TV and theatre actor whose career spans over 50 years during which he has appeared in hundreds of plays and TV programmes ranging from *The Sweeney*, *Minder* and *Bergerac* through

to *Grange Hill*, *Coronation Street*, *Midsomer Murders* and *New Tricks*. He is often remembered for his portrayal of Richard Hillman in ITV's *Coronation Street* whilst others recall his performances as Mr Hopwood in *Grange Hill* and Ozias Harding in the TV classic, *Where the Heart Is*.

In the theatre, Brian has performed in a wide range of productions including musicals, pantos, drama and comedy throughout the UK including memorable performances within the West End and the Royal National Theatre. His ability to rise to the big occasions has seen him take centre stage for blockbusters such as *Guys and Dolls*, *The Rocky Horror Show*, *Peter Pan* and the award winning *Doctor Dolittle*.

Brian's recognition for his work on stage and screen has included nominations for Most Popular Actor, Best Newcomer and many others and has achieved a record breaking five **British Soap Awards**. Brian lifted the awards for Best Actor, Best Villain, Best Exit, Best Scene and Best Storyline and was topped off by winning Villain of The Decade at the **Inside Soap Awards**. Brian has featured in many popular TV reality shows such as BBC *Strictly Come Dancing*, *Five Celebrities go Caravanning* and BBC *Celebrity Masterchef*, where he reached the final.

Brian resides in Brighton and Hove with his wife Jacqueline and is father to three children, Lucy, Ellie and Louis.



# ANDREW KAY

Andrew Kay studied at Chelsea School of Art, and after graduating had a successful 16 year career in publishing as an award winning art director, after which he worked as a

designer in theatre before moving into magazines as art director, writer and popular columnist.

His writing now encompasses published fiction, *Pretty Boys All In A Row* and performed drama, *I will Survive* (WOW! New Drama Winner), *Morning Glory* which premiered in London before heading to the Edinburgh Fringe starring Jason Sutton (Miss Jason) and more recently played to sell out audiences at Theatre Royal Brighton's studio format season starring Allan Cardew.

He is Creative Director for Latest TV where he has produced, directed and presented many programmes including the successful TV series *International Chef Exchange* (Amazon Prime) which took him all over Europe and to Canada, as well as the popular cookery programmes *Cook It!* and *Latest Homes Live* and he is a regular reporter on Latest TV News. His chat shows *AK Soufflé* and *Look Out!* saw him talking to LGBTQI+ celebrities about their private lives and their professional careers and he made over 200 episodes of *Queersay*, an LGBTQI+ global news review programme where he talked with regular guests, including local LGBTQI+ hero James Ledward, about how the media deals with queer issues. He has also made an hour long documentary interviewing queer activist and champion Peter Tatchell.

He continues to write for [thelatest.co.uk](http://thelatest.co.uk) online specialising in food and drink, theatre, opera and arts and teaches at East Sussex College. Writing and cooking are his passions and he is never far from a pen or a pan!

He is delighted that his new play *Punchline* opens this April at the Lantern Theatre in Brighton starring Coronation Street star Brian Capron.

# RUPERT CHARMAK

Rupert Charmak is an award-winning writer and director and the creator of *I Am Super* and *King of Creatures*, the feature film version shooting in Brighton later in the year. His directorial debut *Dark Justice* won best human rights film and best International film at **The Atlantic Bridge Film Festival** in Amsterdam.



Starting his career off as an actor he was lucky enough to perform in shows such as Lucy Bailey's *Titus Andronicus* at the Shakespeare's Globe, he played Orsino in *A Twelfth Night* and Oberon in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, film credits include: *A Wedding Most Strange*, *The Jackal* and *Cagefighter*. Rupert has been a fight/stunt coordinator for films including, *The Effects of Lying* on ITVX, *The Pebble* and *The Boy* on Amazon, and worked on Season 2 & 3 of *Grace* with ITV. Rupert founded Suckerpunch Productions, a Brighton based film and TV company which has a focus on diversity, education, and social issues, with a very exciting slate of projects in development.

Website links:

[suckerpunchproductions.uk/current-projects-2](https://suckerpunchproductions.uk/current-projects-2)



# STEVE BARREY

## AKA THE LIQUORICE DRAGON

Brighton born and raised Steve Barrey aka **The Liquorice Dragon** is a local entrepreneur who came on board very early with *Punchline* along with his production company *Liquorice Dragon Productions*. Steve immediately became interested in the production when he heard about the concept and how the play was being written for his talented friend, Brian Capron. Steve believes in the vision that Andrew had in bringing his writing to stage writing and through his passion for Brighton and the creative industry, Steve immediately became involved. Steve has his own artist management company and record label and is passionate about music, film, art and culture and prides himself in supporting and nurturing up-and-coming businesses and talented individuals so that they can reach their full potential. Steve has a collaborative style often described as 'joining the dots' and sees his contribution as not only financial, but helping others to think big, be bold and believe in themselves. To find out more about Steve and his current ventures, click the following links;  
The Liquorice Dragon  
[liquoricedragon.com](http://liquoricedragon.com)



# OUR MUSIC

Oops A Daisy

The Catfish

Kings Written by

Harry Lang

The Catfish Kings play regularly at The Bootlegger, Middle St, Brighton BN1 1AL

Upcoming gigs:

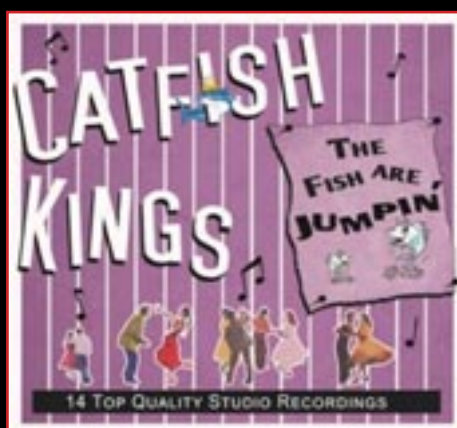
Friday 26th April

Friday May 17th

Friday June 7th

Shows start at 9pm.

[thecatfishkings.com](http://thecatfishkings.com)



Tocarme

Lazergirl



Julie & Sleazy

Diana Frangi

[dianafrangi.com](http://dianafrangi.com)



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