# A Network Theatre Company production

at Network Theatre, Lower Road

## An Ideal Husband: 25-28 February 2009

by Oscar Wilde / directed by Zoe Hart



Performances: 25/02/2009 - 28/02/2009

Reading: 06/11/2008 19:00 Audition: 18/11/2008 18:30 Audition: 20/11/2008 18:30

## Sooner or later, we have all to pay for what we do...

Robert Chiltern is a successful politician. Behind every successful man there is a successful woman. And sometimes, behind all that, there is another woman, with a guilty secret...

Wilde's social satire "An Ideal Husband" explores love, deception, blackmail and idealism. As the wit and wickedness flies, a perfect career, reputation and marriage promises to be wrecked in a society that is as moralising as it is corrupt... Can anything be saved?

#### More information:

- Poster
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### Casting Breakdown:

**Sir Robert Chiltern** - The play's "tragic" hero.

Lady Gertrude Chiltern - Sir Robert's wife, she is the play's sentimental heroine.

Mrs. Cheveley - The vicious and opportunistic villainness.

Lord Goring - Man-about -town, and friend to the Chilterns.

Mabel Chiltern - Sir Robert's younger sister.

**Lord Caversham** - Father to Lord Goring, an old-fashioned, respectable gentleman.

Lady Markby - A high society woman of the older generation.

Lady Basildon - High society "It girl" type.

Mrs. Marchmont - High society "It girl" type.

Vicomte de Nanjac - Attaché at the French Embassy in London (may double).

Mr. Montford - A "perfectly groomed" young dandy and secretary to Sir Robert (may double).

**Phipps** - Butler to Lord Goring (may double).

James - Lord Goring's footman (may double).

Mason - Butler to Sir Robert Chiltern (may double).

Harold - Sir Robert's footman. He appears briefly in Act IV (may double).

Since the play is now in the public domain, more details and a script are available online at Wikisource.