The Chesil Theatre, Winchester, Press Release

Reading Friday August 5

Auditions Sunday August 7 and Monday August 8

All at the Chesil at 7.45pm

Production Dates Saturday October 1 – 8

*Educating Rita* by Willy Russell, a gentle and poignant comedy drama, is the choice of the Chesil Theatre to open their 2022 23 season.

Rita, a young working-class woman in her late twenties, early thirties, believes there is more to life than cutting hair and gossip in a salon. Looking to expand her horizons, she signs up for an Open University course and is assigned Frank as her tutor.

Frank was once a rising star in the poetry world, but in his middle-age, he has become disillusioned with the academic life. In addition, his recent divorce has left him turning to booze for solace.

They both have much to learn. Will they, can they, help each other make their lives better?

Director, Terry Lohr stresses: “I do not want to try to replicate the performances of Julie Walters or Michael Caine in the film, but to use them as a good point of reference. I hope actors who will relish the challenge of the learning load and building the characters. We look forward to welcoming many people to join us for the Reading, and even better, the Auditions.”

Newcomers are always welcome. For further information see [www.chesiltheatre.org.uk](http://www.chesiltheatre.org.uk)