

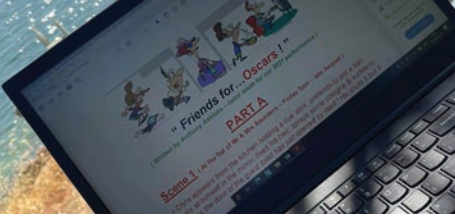
F R I E N D S F O R O S C A R S

“ A hilarious comedy revolving around friends and neighbours living in London. Chris is a plumber, Jenny is a nurse, Tom teaches art, Samantha is unemployed, Mrs Saunders is 007, whilst Roger runs a betting shop.

As they head for success the message is one:
“ Nothing is impossible, just take it as it comes ! ”

Written by: Anthony Thomas Ashiotis





It's been a great journey getting it ready for the stage!





We proudly present: “Friends for Oscars”



Welcome messages



Anthony Thomas Ashiotis

Writer & Head of Production

The inspiration for my play was real life situations and those who are brave enough to never give up in pursuing their dreams.



Athena Louisa Marie Agrotis

Theatre & Stage Director

A light hearted, fast paced, action packed hilarious comedy delivered with a twist to die for.



Savvas Hadjigeorgiou

Play Consultant and Streaming Director

An amazing captivating story, unique in style and very funny. The fact that I laughed so much throughout the recent pilot performances and this despite having seen so many rehearsals sums it up.



Duncan Walsh Atkins

Script Consultant

It was a real pleasure working with Anthony on some parts of his script and truly delighted on how it has developed. I have no doubt this play will be a great success.

Characters

- Chris Saunders:** Part time plumber, adores his mum
- Jenny Saunders:** Full time nurse, dreams of a holiday
- Tom Green:** London Cypriot, teaches art, idolizes Chris
- Samantha Green:** Unemployed hairdresser, great spender
- Mrs Dorothy Saunders:** Very wealthy, a professional divorcee
- Roger:** Runs a betting shop, extremely forgetful
- Pizza Man:** Extremely confused, keeps falling in love
- Olga:** Step daughter of Sir Peter Lawson
- Butler:** Works around the clock for Mrs Saunders
- Jennifer:** PA of Mrs Saunders , works 24/7
- Mrs. Pitfoot:** Short tempered , school teacher of Chris & Tom
- Pappou:** Ghost of Tom's grandfather, thinks he is still alive
- Lili, Mimi, Yana:** Girlfriends of Chris & Tom, party animals
- Film Director:** Short tempered , enthusiastic
- TV Presenter:** Professional, enthusiastic, works for TV GaGa
- TV GaGa Reporter:** Professional, enthusiastic
- Sir Peter Lawson:** Owns TV GaGa, step father of Olga, wealthy
- Radio /Beach /Party DJ, carpenter & auctioneer:** Energised
- Dr. Whiskers:** Most weird
- Film Crew:** Dedicated
- Dancers:** Entertaining

Scenes

Scene 1 : Kamasutra

Scene 2 : Soup is ready

Scene 3 : Acapulco

Scene 4 : The party

Scene 5 : The movie

Scene 6 : The script

Scene 7 : The director

Scene 8 : The wives

Scene 9 : The holiday

Scene 10 : Bed time stories

Scene 11 : The auction

Scene 12 : TV GaGa

Meet the team

Anthony Thomas Ashotis: Writer & Head of Production

Athena Louisa Marie Agroti: Theatre & Stage Director

Savvas Hadjigeorgiou: Play Consultant and Streaming Director

Duncan Walsh Atkins: Script Consultant

Sossee Eskidjian: Stage & Props Designer

Athena Xenidou: Advisor

Aleen Andreou: Production Consultant

Ersin Oztoycon: Social Media

Yiannos Georgiades: Public Relations



Background



Anthony Thomas Ashiotis

Writer and Head of production

Anthony Thomas Ashiotis loves theatre and has performed in various plays mostly for charity. “Friends for Oscars” is one of the plays he has written and first one on stage.



Athena Louisa Marie Agrotis

Theatre & Stage Director

Athena studied Drama and Film at Queen Mary University of London, followed by an MA in Applied Theatre (Community & Education) at Royal Central School of Speech and Drama. Athena is a Drama Teacher, Director and Creative Arts Facilitator.



Savvas Hadjigeorgiou

Technical & Scenic Director

Savvas studied Film and TV at Hofstra University of the USA and has held high-level positions in the Cyprus TV industry for over 30 years. He is also involved in various theatre productions, including live streaming of theatre performances and concerts.



Duncan Walsh Atkins

Script Consultant

Duncan Walsh Atkins has been Musical Director of The Showstoppers since 2009, which has had sell-out Edinburgh Fringe and West End runs, and won Best Family and Entertainment at the 2016 Olivier Awards.



Sossee Eskidjian

Costume and Set Designer

Sossee Eskidjian studied Fine Arts at the Southwestern Oklahoma State University. She is an Art Director/ Production and Costume Designer. Some of her work includes feature films such as “11 Road To Ithaca”, “Under the Stars”, “Kalabush” and “Conveyor Belt”, the American production “Jiu Jitsu” with Nicolas Cage and many others.



Athena Xenidou

Advisor

Athena is a director, producer and screenwriter, working in film, tv and theatre. Her first feature film documentary, Unwitnessed Memories (2000), an International Emmy Awards semi-finalist, won Gold Special Jury Award at Worldfest Houston, Best Documentary at the Cyprus International Film Festival and received distinctions at The International Human Rights Film Festival in Prague and IDFA in Amsterdam.



Aleen Andreou

Production Consultant

Aleen both acted but also assisted in the production of various theatre plays of the Anglo-Cypriot Theatre (ACT) as well as showcases of Athena Xenidou. Aleen is also involved in improv and stand-up comedies. She is also a trainer and coach with People Achieve.



Ersin Oztoycan
Social Media support

The greater part of Ersin’s life has been devoted to raising awareness of Dyslexia. She has acted in various comedy plays and is also involved in stand up comedy and improv shows. She is the author of her autobiography My Life/File. An inspiring book that recounts the hardships and joys of her life, her family and her work.



Yiannos Georgiades
Public Relations

Yiannos is the Managing Partner of law firm Y. Georgiades & Associates LLC, based in Nicosia, Cyprus, with presence in the UK and Greece. He has been actively involved in the production of various films and theatre productions offering legal and other support such as the production of the 2020 Hollywood film “Jiu Jitsu” starring Nicholas Cage filmed in Cyprus.



Our pilot performances of 24 to 26 November, 2021 (watched by over 700 persons) raised €15.127.70 for the Social Welfare Programme of the Red Cross!



Our cast (during our charity /pilot performances) were as follows:

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| Chris Saunders: | Anthony Ashiotis |
| Jenny Saunders: | Reem Maghribi |
| Tom Green: | Andros Zacharia |
| Samantha Green: | Mary Ann Billis |
| Mrs Dorothy Saunders: | Aleen Andreou |
| Roger: | Demetris Demetriou |
| Pizza Man: | Mohammed Awwad |
| Olga: | Nada Panayiotou |
| Butler: | Vasily Lavrikov |
| Jennifer: | Marie Dzaghigian |
| Lili & Tourist: | Marie Dzaghigian |
| Mimi & Tourist: | Andriana Kyriakidou |
| Yana & Tourist: | Stephany Panayiotou |
| Film Director (Pinky Sue): | Ariadne Andreou |
| TV GaGa Presenter (Diane): | Ariadne Andreou |
| Sir Peter Lawson: | Anthony Root |
| Seller of Flamingo: | Anthony Root |
| Radio, Beach & Party DJ: | Phedias Psaras |
| Dr. Whiskers: | Phedias Psaras |
| Carpenter: | Phedias Psaras |
| Seller of ice cream: | Phedias Psaras |
| Barman: | Phedias Psaras |
| Auctioneer: | Phedias Psaras |
| TV GaGa Reporter: | Phedias Psaras |
| Seller of pizza & sexy juice: | Mohammed Awwad |
| Film Crew: | Mary Jones |
| Julie Fox & Tourist: | Mary Jones |



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

is given to the amazingly entertaining comedy

"Friends for Oscars"

and hereby presented to the writer, producer and member of the cast
Anthony Thomas Ashiotis

with our deepest gratitude for the many thousands raised for our Social Welfare Program
from the performances held 24th to 26th November, 2021 at the main stage of Satiriko Theatre

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Tuesday 5th April 2022

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FRIENDS FOR OSCARS

" A hilarious comedy revolving around the lives of friends and neighbours living in London. Chris is a lazy plumber, Jenny is a hard working nurse, Tom teaches art whilst taking care of all the house work, Samantha is an unemployed hairdresser, Mrs Saunders is 007, whilst Roger owns a betting shop. As they all head for the Oscars , the message is one ...

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24TH to 26TH NOVEMBER
AT 20:00

Satiriko Theatre (main stage)

"A comedy play written by Anthony Thomas Ashiotis"

Due to high demand a further live streamed performance with special guests was held on 12 December, 2021 (followed by an after show party for the cast)





A taste from our live charity performances ...

























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Anthony Root, who sadly passed away in early 2022

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